

Sacred Heart News

We are so excited for this school year. There are many new changes this year, and we are off to a great start! We are so thankful that you are sending your child(ren) to our school. We are very blessed to be working with them and having your support is greatly appreciated. Check out our new format for the monthly calendar. We are trying something new! Let us know what you think! We really would like your feedback. God bless you!

Preschool:

Preschool is quite an exciting place to be at the beginning of the school year. Going to school for the very first time can be scary for kiddos and also for their parents! This year has been especially different with the addition of a new teacher and a third group of students. The first two weeks of school we spend a lot of time working on procedures and routines. For example, when we come to school we hang our bookbag up, take our folder out and put it in the black box so Mrs. Keas can put our good school day sticker on! Learning to be independent, to walk in line, to play with others and recess rules are also among the things preschoolers are working on. We have played with playdough and used scissors to cut and glue paper in a heart shape. We have played games, sang songs, and read lots of books! These are all foundational activities upon which we build for the rest of the school year. In September we will learn about colors, shapes, and sharing. Preschool is a busy place!

Mrs. Keas

Kindergarten:

We are full in Kindergarten this year with 12 students. We have spent the first few days adjusting to a new schedule and more “work time” but less “play time”. We are working on when to speak and when to listen. Kindergarten is a big change but we are doing well. We have started learning letters and sounds of letters in preparation for learning to read. We are writing our letters and numbers. We have used different manipulatives to show how we can do math by counting and adding or subtracting and

see what the total is. We are also learning an AB pattern. In Science, we have worked on the plant cycle and we are currently doing two experiments to see what it requires for a seed to become a plant and how plants get water. They are enjoying the hands on experiences. If your children have questions about church, we are learning how to sit and listen in Mass and what Mass means. This is difficult for 5 and 6 year olds. Today we talked about communion and what that means so if you have a chance to visit with your child about your beliefs, it might be a good idea. I am truly enjoying your children and look forward to seeing them grow throughout the year.

Mrs. Sherraden

1st and 2nd Grade:

This month the first and second grade has started on the habitat STREAM projects! First grade will be focusing on land animals while the second grade is focusing on ocean animals. The first grade habitat project is being integrated into daily curriculum across the board by also learning about the Garden of Eden, the role of a family, and survival behavior. The second grade habitat project is being integrated into daily curriculum across the board by also learning about Jonah and the Whale, the location of oceans, how sound travels through solids, liquids, and gases, and how the family role has changed over time. Both grades worked together to distinguish and learn more about needs versus wants. The first grade habitat projects will be on display and the Home and School meeting on September 9th. They will give a short explanation of the animal that they chose and the habitat.

Ms. Smith and Mrs. Slaubaugh

3rd Grade:

We have started our school year by learning about Flat Stanley and getting our journals ready to mail to family and friends. Be looking for the information to come home soon. We are also going to be working with our 6th graders on STREAM projects on Fridays. The kids love doing STEM and this adds the religion component to the project. We are learning our multiplication facts and will be starting cursive soon. I'm really enjoying your children. We are off to a busy start!

Mrs. Johnson

4th Grade:

The fourth grade class is off and working hard. This class is finding out that fourth grade is busy and not much time to play. We are discussing mythical creatures in reading and they have chosen one to write about. Later next month or in October we will be visiting a pumpkin patch and doing fall activities. One thing we will be doing is building a scarecrow and writing about how they built it. They are finding out there will be doing of writing and they are not too happy about that.

Mrs. VanDegrift

5th Grade:

Fantastic Fifth Grade Hits the Ground Running

Sacred Heart fifth grade students are off to a fantastic start! We have been learning about Growth Mindset and how important it is to persevere through struggle in order to learn new things! We don't say "I can't." But we say, "I can't YET!" We are learning how to multiply and divide by powers of ten. We will have a place value test on September 4. September also kicks off our Math Facts Attack where 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students will diligently practice their math facts for 15 minutes a day. We are learning some fun games to practice our math facts. Bump It is a favorite! We are enjoying PIE, our first literature book of the year. We are locating similes, idioms, and metaphors. PIE is a mystery book so we are finding many examples of foreshadowing. Fridays are our STREAM days and also our days to read in Kindergarten. So far, so FUN!

Mrs. McCune

6th Grade:

6th grade is enjoying its small but mighty class. We are beginning our unit in Ancient Civilization and Science. In September, 6th grade will start their reading minutes and reading log. 4th-6th have started STREAM Fridays in which we will study the mechanics of various scientific concepts.

Ms. VonFeldt

Music and P.E.:

Music and Pe class are starting to gear up for the 2019-2020 school year. We are reviewing some of our music theory notes, rests and symbols and starting to think about our Christmas program.

P.E. class teams this semester are the Blue Angels and the Thunderbirds, symbolic to the wonderful Naval and Airforce Aviation teams. We are enjoying all the games we are re-learning!

Mrs. Baldwin

Character Building Through Scripture Memory!

Virtues are a focus again this year. Prayer service on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday will include study of all the virtues. Our first virtue we are learning is Prudence. We will again be collaborating among classes to learn more about Saints. Bible memory verses will be a new addition this year. Our first memory verse will be Psalm 139:1-2.

**O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you understand my thoughts from far away.**

September Calendar Of Events

Monday, September 2nd: Labor Day- No school

Monday, September 9th: Grandparent's Day- We have a special program from 10:20-11:05 if grandparents would like to join the children. After the program, grandparents can visit classrooms and go to lunch at 11:30.

Home and School meeting- The meeting will begin at 6:30 followed by the 1st and 2nd graders sharing their habitat.

Wednesday, September 18th: Picture day- The children are to wear their uniforms for pictures.

Friday, September 27th: Fly Kansas- This is a special field trip for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades to watch airplanes fly in, visit the planes and pilots, and watch the planes leave. It is a very exciting time for the kids.

Sometime in September, 3rd and 6th grades will be visiting Redbud Village to play bingo!