

Kindergarten News
Week of May 3 - 7, 2021

Thank you to those who sent flowers for the May crowning. We had a beautiful vase of flowers to present at the altar in the church in Mary's honor.

Thank you as well to those who sent notes, gifts and flowers for Teacher Appreciation Week. You were such an encouragement to me.

In literature we began a unit on "Putting Things Together." Last week we read a book about how beavers build their dams and lodges. Next week we will read about workers who built a new school. We are continuing to work on high frequency words *where* and *come*. We began learning about digraphs, which are pairs of consonants that make a new sound together. The digraphs we learned this past week were *th* and *sh*. Next week we will learn about *ch* and *wh*.

In math we learned about flat shapes and solid figures. We learned that some solid figures have flat surfaces which are the flat shapes of squares and circles. Next week we will learn about the position and location of shapes.

In science we learned about animals and plants that can change the environment. One example of this was beavers when they build a dam across a stream and create a pond. Another example is when squirrels bury acorns which grow into trees when they are not eaten. People also change their environment when they cut down forests to make farmland and build homes.

In religion we are learning about the virtue of diligence and the Holy Spirit. The Second Step lesson was on solving problems when friends cannot agree about what to play together.

Next week we will begin an engineering unit in science. At the end of the week we hope to design and construct bridges in pairs for paper gnomes to cross a lake to get their vegetables to market. Please send empty food boxes, such as the ones cereal and crackers come in. Empty tissue boxes would also be helpful. We will also need lots of scotch tape.

On Friday, the spring music concert will be recorded for you to view online. Your child may wear dress clothes on Friday for the concert recording.

Please work with your children on learning their birthday, parents' names, phone number and address. Your child is expected to know these things for kindergarten standards and will be graded on them.

My prayer for you this week is that you will "hope in the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption." (Psalm 130:7)