

Holy Family School - Grade Three

Ms. DePiero and Mrs. Balabuck

April 2010



Dates to Remember:

- *April 1st Reports go home
- *April 2nd Good Friday
- *April 5th Easter Monday
- *April 15th Pizza Project

April Birthdays

Ms. DePiero's Class

Jarrod 12
Hannah 23

Mrs. Balabuck's Class

Kyler 10
Alivia 22

Happy Birthday!



Can you believe that we are already in Term Three? Time sure flies! We have some exciting activities planned for April. We will be participating in a great Agricultural

learning opportunity through "Pizza project". Watch your child's agenda for notes on upcoming events. Please continue to read and initial your child's agenda daily to ensure

that you receive reminders about homework, activities, events or notes from the teacher. Please ensure that the agenda comes back to school each day.

Catholic Virtues in Action

April's focus virtue is Justice. The first step to achieving justice is to do what is right and stand up for what we know God wants. We will discuss how it's not always easy to do the right thing, but when you act justly, you are doing what God wants.

We remember that even in the face of injustice (death on the cross) Jesus always acted with dignity. Everyone wants to be treated fairly and we will talk about how we feel when we are treated unfairly. We remember to follow the Golden Rule and treat

others, as we want to be treated. This month we remember all our virtues, of inclusivity, respect, peacemaking, humility, courage, honesty and forgiveness as we pray through Easter.

P.A.L.S. Corner

Happy Spring! Partner Reading, Retelling, Paragraph Shrinking and Prediction Relay continue to be part of your child's daily PALS sessions. This month, continue to have fun helping your child understand what he/she has read at home by using a variety of these strategies on a nightly basis. Students at this age also love to hear stories read aloud. Try to choose a book two grade levels above where their reading ability is now. In this way, they can expand their vocabularies by hearing new words in context as you read. Enjoy this quality time together!

Mrs. Colledanchise
PALS Teacher



Science/Social Studies

We have begun our Unit on First Nation people living in the 1800's in Upper Canada. We will be looking at Transportation, Food, Shelter and clothing during this unit of study.

Language Arts

Reading

We will finish our "Mouse" Theme novel studies early this month with a retell of the important ideas. We continue to practice our written responses to texts we read this month using the R.A.S.E. strategy to answer questions.

R=Restate the Question

A=Answer the Question (use because)

S=Support your answer using information from the text (In the story...)

E=Extend your thinking (I think that...) (That reminds me of...)

Please continue to read at least 15 minutes daily with your child from their Reading Rocks bag.

Writing

We continue to review the elements of specific forms of writing this month, including narratives and reports. We will organize our thoughts and ideas to create pieces of writing that match the criteria of these forms. We will continue to work on using our spelling and phonics rules when spelling

unfamiliar words. We continue to practice using proper nouns, pronouns, adjectives and adverbs to improve our sentences. We will begin writing more of our work in cursive this month! Keep practicing those weekly spelling focus words at home.

Easter Prayer

"Time for joy and time for giving
Time for remembering
Love while living

Take this message
Easter Day
Show kindness, care at home and play.

It's in our very acts of giving
Easter's joy
Makes life worth living.

Children round the globe
Now hear
Keep Easter
In your heart all year.

May joy and love spread
Land to land
Linked heart to heart
And hand to hand!"

Math

In April, we will be starting our unit on motion geometry. We will look at how figures are moved or transformed on a grid. We will look at horizontal movements (to the left or

right), vertical movements (up or down) or diagonal movements (on a slant). We will rotate figures clockwise or counterclockwise and flip

figures horizontally or vertically to show a reflection. We will explore lines of symmetry which divides into 2 parts that are congruent.

Christian Living

We share the Easter Story this month as we remember and celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We will celebrate our virtue of justice through discussions of what

it means to play by the rules, to take turns and share, and to listen to the opinions of others. We pray for those who are not treated fairly

and those who yearn for justice in their lives. We will discuss how we can speak up for what we think is unfair in a respectful manner.



