

Peek At The Week

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We had a short, but busy week in K-1. When we returned from the long weekend, we learned about Martin Luther King Day. We sang a song about MLK's dream for peace and equality, and the children each made a book for their book baskets entitled Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Dream.

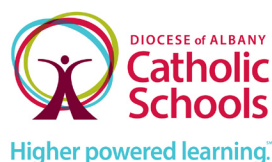
The children were very excited to begin working in a new Daily 5 center this week: Word Work! In this center, they will participate in a different activity/game each week that is designed to strengthen their knowledge of letters and words, while targeting important phonemic awareness and phonics skills and expanding their vocabulary. This week, they worked on stamping the letters of the alphabet and sight words. In the Listening Center, they have been working on identifying the characters in stories. They read Otto Goes To Bed this week, and then they drew the main character, Otto, and wrote about something they would like to do if they didn't have to go to bed!

In Readers' Workshop, the children have been working on sequencing the events of stories using Jan Brett books. They also like to make predictions about the outcomes of these stories, as they usually have surprise endings! One of our favorite Jan Brett books was The Mitten. The children learned a poem about mittens, made books about mittens for their book baskets, and made their own mitten with animals from the story to use for re-telling. In Writers' Workshop, we wrote our own book about mittens! In Math, we made a graph of whether we prefer mittens or gloves and learned that most of our friends like to wear mittens! We've also continued to learn about addition.

In Religion, we discussed the importance of friendship. Through our *Promise* magazine, we learned how Jesus made friends and gathered followers. Together, we identified qualities of good friends. The children know that good friends are kind, respectful, and caring and I have noticed them trying very hard to treat each other in such ways each day in our class. We've also been discussing the importance of being honest, as that is the school-wide character education theme for January.

We will begin the Child Lures program next week. Through this program, your child will learn about personal safety. It will take approximately two weeks to complete all of the lessons. Please let me know if you have any questions. Have a good weekend!

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MITTENS

Mittens for the snow time

When the world is white.

Mittens for my two hands.

Mittens left and right.

Mittens with a thumb place.

Mittens warm and snug.

Mittens make me feel like

A bug inside a rug!



Let Freedom Ring

tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Freedom, freedom, let it ring.

“Let it ring,” said Dr. King.

Let us live in harmony.

Peace and love for you and me.

Freedom, freedom, let it ring.

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