

# Peek At The Week

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Our week was filled with excitement as we celebrated that we are members of the St. Pius X Parish School! We kicked off our week with a pancake breakfast on Monday. Tuesday was Hat Day! All of our \$1 donations will be sent to the St. Francis Xavier School in Haiti. Thank you for all of your support! We also joined K-2 and K-3 for centers. In our classroom, the children worked on a craft, in K-2 they had a dance party, and in K-3 they made a special snack. It was great to move around to different rooms, see some old friends, and make some new friends from the other classes. On Wednesday, all of the kindergartners got together to work on a service project making prayer cards for the homebound of St. Pius X Parish. Thursday was pajama day! In the afternoon, we got together with the other kindergarten classes again to watch a movie and eat popcorn. On Friday, we attended School Mass. At Mass, Father Farano blessed our throats in honor of the feast day of St. Blaise. To finish off Catholic Schools' Week, we had an ice cream sundae party in our classroom! Throughout the week, the children developed a greater appreciation for how special our school is. You'll be able to see exactly what they like about our school in our new class book, What Makes St. Pius Special? Look for this traveling book to visit your home soon!

We also learned about Groundhog Day this week! First, we made predictions on Wednesday as to whether or not the groundhog would see his shadow. Then, on Thursday, we compared our predictions to what actually happened. The children were excited to hear that Punxsutawney Phil predicted there would be six more weeks of winter, since we haven't had much of a winter yet! The children also learned about shadows and light through an experiment and a game that we played called "Name That Shadow!" They also read a Weekly Reader magazine about groundhogs, made a new book for their book baskets entitled Did The Groundhog See His Shadow?, made groundhog puppets, and worked on a groundhog puzzle.

We've continued to learn and practice new skills in reading, writing, and math as well. In reading, we concluded our author study of Jan Brett. We've also been learning about the sounds that *sh*, *th*, *ch*, *ph*, and *wh* make. We sang a song about the "H Family" to help us remember and practiced looking for words with those letter combinations in books. This has been very helpful for our writing as well, especially *sh* and *ch*, as the children often want to write words with these sounds. We've also created a new word wall, in addition to our word wall with sight words. Our new word wall is for any other fun and interesting words that the children want to use in their writing. In math, we've continued to learn about addition. The children learned two new rules to help them when they are working on solving addition problems. They learned that when they add zero to a number that it means we are adding nothing and the bigger number won't change. They also learned that when they add one to a number, it is the same as counting up by one and the sum will be one more than the bigger number. They love using these tricks and they are getting so good at solving addition problems!

Next week we will get back to our regular schedule and routines. We had so much fun during Catholic Schools' Week. Thank you for all that you do to make our school so special!

*Miss Peartree*

# Here's A Little Groundhog

Here's a little groundhog furry and brown,  
He's coming up to look around.

If he see's his shadow, down he'll go,  
Then six more weeks of winter, OH NO!



**Thank you for contributing donations to our "Souper Bowl" food drive! We are off to a great start, and the children are enjoying counting the items and comparing how many cans each class has received so far. The food drive is still going on, so please continue to send in donations!**

