

# Peek At The Week

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We've had another exciting and busy week in K-1! In reading, we have been reviewing all the letters of the alphabet and letter sounds. The children have also been working in their Handwriting Journals to improve their letter formation. This week we focused on the letter B. We also learned about the words "and" and "me" and added them to our Word Wall. David Shannon has quickly become one of the children's favorite authors. We enjoyed reading Too Many Toys so much, that we wanted to write our own books like this one. In the story the main character, Spencer, creates his own toy out of an empty cardboard box, so the children wrote about what they would make if they each had an empty box. They couldn't wait to bring their books home to share with you! We will continue to explore more books by David Shannon and learn about his life as an author and illustrator next week.

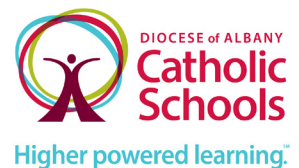
We've been discussing why it is important to practice reading and that spending time reading every day is the best way to become a better reader. Since we all want to become better readers, we are going to spend time practicing reading every day in our class. Everyone will spend at least a few minutes each day exploring books on their own. This week, we focused on reading quietly in one spot for 5-6 minutes. This proved to be an easy task for them, as they were able to read independently for more than 10 minutes by Friday! The children are enjoying this time and I already see so many of them developing good reading habits. I will explain more about our reading program at Open House. They were excited to begin reading from their Song & Poem Binders as well. We learned prayers for each day of the week and added those to the binders. We read the prayers together several times and used them to practice identifying letters and to read beginning sight words. These were the first of many pages that will be stored in their Song and Poem binders.

In math, we have continued to create and interpret graphs. We've also been exploring shapes and colors. In religion, we have been reading stories of Creation and God's love for us from two versions of Children's Bibles. On Wednesday, we had our first School Mass. The children were a bit nervous, but they did a great job! Afterwards, we collaboratively wrote a story about our experience at Mass. Stop by and read the great story that we wrote! Have a good week!

*Miss Peartree*

**Open House**  
**\*Date Change\***

Open House for PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade parents will  
now be held on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm .



## Library Books

K-1's Library check-out day will be on Day 3. Children should return their Library books by the next Day 3 so that they may take out a new book. If you forget, books may also be returned on Day 4. If your child would like to keep his/her book for another week, please return it to school so that he/she can check it out again. Thank you!

Please label all clothing that your child wears to school.

## Entertainment Books

Entertainment books came home last week. Please return either the book or the money by October 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for all you do to support our school!

## Environmental Print

**Children are surrounded by “environmental print.” It is on store signs, road signs, billboards, fast food places, boxes, wrappers, etc. Many children know their favorite cereal, candy bar, and restaurant and they can recognize its logo. We can take advantage of their natural interest to learn more about letters, sounds, and words by using the print they see all around them. We would like to know what words your child can read! Please save boxes, packages, or labels from food, toys, or household products. Then send them in to school anytime in your child's folder with his/her name on them and we will share them with the class at our Morning Meeting. Thank you!!**

