

# November Highlights

## Religion

*Bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.* Colossians 3:13



We live our faith out daily in class! We grasp and apply reconciliation when we use "I" statements ("I feel \_\_\_\_ when you \_\_\_\_.") to handle upsets with friends. We express our feelings, which allow our friends a chance to seek forgiveness, and we in turn can forgive.

Our Promise activities continue to help us apply the teachings from the gospel readings to our own lives. We continue to practice our mass responses so we can fully participate in mass.

As part of our calendar time we have discovered that the Church has its own special calendar, the liturgical calendar. We see that the Church has "seasons" and unique celebrations of our faith. We enjoy celebrating holidays by remembering the residents of Providence Mount Saint Vincent. We make Thanksgiving cards as part of our year-long service project, which highlights the Catholic Social Teaching themes of Solidarity and Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.

## Language Arts

We are growing as readers. Our storytelling voices grow by leaps and bounds as we continue to develop our expressive reading skills. We also explore informational text and learn new facts about interesting animals and habitats. We discover that informational text uses some different text features like Headings and **bold type**. We realize that factual summaries are unique as well. They are all about restating the big ideas and facts we discover through text.

In spelling we continue to add new sounds and tricky words to our cache each week. We recognize letter patterns and letter blends as unique. We continue to build 3-4 sound words, play with word families, and focus on correct capitalization and ending marks. We use these new skills to edit sentences for correct spelling and mechanics.

We used our new skills with naming again words to describe our favorite animals. We are in the midst of using these words to write a complete descriptive paragraph. We are eager to add colorful illustrations as well.

## **Math**

We continued to work on creating, writing, and solving subtraction problems! With our number bonds we better understand how the operations of addition and subtraction are related. We use the number bonds to help us create, write, and solve fact families. We see that with addition the parts make up the whole and in subtraction the whole is taken apart! We also used our adding and subtracting skills to do some problem solving that really stretched our brains! We discovered that problem solving requires hard work, a willingness to persevere, and many tries to figure it out!

## **Social Studies**

Neighbors work together to solve problems! Our neighborhood had a major litter problem. We were horrified to discover trash strewn throughout our neighborhood. We quickly came together to solve this problem. We decided to hold a neighborhood meeting and created rules to ensure it was productive.

### **Neighborhood Meeting Rules**

- Include everyone.
- Listen with your eyes and ears (not your mouth.)
- Do not interrupt.
- Be kind and respectful.
- Everyone gets a vote. (except babies/toddlers, but their families **do** listen to their input)

With rules in place we held our meeting at which we generated and voted on ideas to solve our problem. From this we devised and implemented our plan. We built an arsenal of trash and recycle receptacles and vehicles. We created a fabulous giant garbage vacuum and an amazing garbage dissolving potion and plant. In no time at all our entire neighborhood was clean and beautiful once again.

## **Science**

We continue our investigations in the ***Sound and Light*** unit of study. We use our knowledge of vibration, sound sources, and sound receivers as we explore the Kalimba and our very own spoon-gong system. We follow the sound and discover that vibrations not only move through objects like string, metal, and wood but also through air and water. We are eager to discover more about how sound travels through different mediums.

## **Art**

Holidays make for fun art! We celebrated Veteran's Day by creating our own camouflage soldiers. We are grateful to all the men and women who serve our country. We also made fluffy pinecone turkeys for Thanksgiving decorations. The cinnamon scented pinecones smelled delicious!