

St. Joe's News!

October 2018!

Pre-K News from Mrs. Decosse's Class

It is hard to believe that September is over. I would like to thank all of the parents for visiting our classroom on Re-acquaintance Day. I hope you enjoyed seeing where your child will be spending their days learning and making friends. The children are starting to settle in and learn all about pre-k. This is such a huge transition.

We have been learning all of the rules and routines of school. Soon we will be starting to learn our letters. Sorting and patterning are two areas that will be taught and practiced in centers, as well as counting to 20, identifying numbers 1 through 5, colors, shapes, etc. The class is truly enjoying all of the music and movement. I am sure they have been singing to you at home, because they are constantly singing here!

October will be a very busy month. Looking ahead for this month is our field trip, Open House, Picture Day, and Halloween. Hopefully, your family can make it into Open House to check out everything that we have been doing. The students will have their first field trip to Bonesteel's on October 4th.

Hopefully, you will be able to join us. Thank you for all that you do!

~Ms. Decosse~



NEWS FROM KINDERGARTEN!

Welcome to a new school year! We are off to a great start learning routines, making friends and following directions. Our classes are working on counting 1 - 10 and ten frames. We are using the "Handwriting Without Tears" writing program for numbers and letters.





FIRST GRADE NEWS!

Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. LaBare are pleased to report that the students have settled in nicely to our daily routines. Our day is filled with learning instruction on Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. First grade students need lots of exposure to reading materials and learning strategies for developing their ability to read. Your support from home will strengthen your child's ability to succeed in first grade. Our students are looking forward to our first field trip **Thursday, October 11th to 4-H Camp**. We also hope to see you at **St. Joe's Open House on Thursday, October 25th**. We are looking forward to a fantastic year together!!





NEWS FROM SECOND GRADE!

Second grade hit the ground running. We've been discovering many new things during the first month of school. The students engaged in friendship building activities. Students interviewed a classmate, built healthy snack friends, and drew self-portraits. We've learned about different types of apples and made applesauce. Students are rediscovering what sentences need, as they write autobiographies and create owl fact books. In math, we are working on addition and subtraction. Doubles, sums of 10, and fact families have been taught. We are looking forward to our field trip to The Wild Center on October 9th. We've enjoyed getting to know your children. We are looking forward to a great school year!



NEWS FROM THIRD GRADE!

The beginning of the school year has been busy and exciting! It has taken practice, but we are falling into a nice routine and the students are getting used to having two teachers this year instead of one. What a fun change! In ELA, we have been learning about our classroom library and practicing building our reading stamina every day. Our goal is to get up to 20 minutes of uninterrupted reading time. In math, 3rd graders are learning to count by 3s, 4s, and 6s and are exploring multiplication and division. We also have been learning about the plant life cycle in science. Below is a picture of a science activity the students did to model the way bees pollinate flowers as well as a picture of our students enjoying their classroom library.





NEWS FROM FOURTH GRADE!

One of the district goals is to “put systems in place to promote a socially and emotionally safe learning environment for all students helping them develop a sense of self-worth and to feel effective as they deal with daily responsibilities and challenges”. We have been teaching lessons on how to be “Top 20” students. So far we have focused on how to live “above the line” and only “visit below the line”. We realize that we will all have things happen that could make us feel “below the line” and we want to train ourselves not to let those things take our day away. We are building an emotionally safe environment by teaching that our number one job is to help others succeed. We have learned that mistakes are proof that we are trying. The “Top 20” program focuses on encouraging others. The students are practicing seeing problems and owning them, communicating others matter, and changing their viewpoint from me to we.



NEWS FROM FIFTH GRADE!

September has been full of exciting activities for our 5th grade students! We were able to attend a field trip to 4-H for Conservation Day where we learned about our environment and things such as maple production, animals, solar power, and drones. We've been exploring the Scientific Method in science by modeling alka-seltzer rockets and talking about each step in the process! Don't forget to ask your child what they are doing in both ELA & Math!





COUNSELOR'S CORNERS

School is now in full swing, and so far it has been a wonderful start to the 2018-2019 year. My name is Mrs. McGibbon and I am the School Counselor here at St. Joe's Elementary School. I have already visited each classroom to introduce myself, explain my role as the school counselor and hand out Lunch Bunch sign up forms. I am available to all students at St. Joe's school and they can pop in and see me, or as a parent/guardian you can contact me with any questions or concerns and I can always check in with your student J

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS FROM MR. POWERS!

Welcome Back: I would like to welcome back all students and parents to the new school year. I hope everybody enjoyed the nice weather we had this summer. I look forward to starting off the school year and having the pleasure of teaching your children in my classroom. I look forward to teaching your children the skills necessary to live a healthy and active lifestyle through a wide variety of age-appropriate activities.

Kindergarten through Second Grade: The first couple of weeks the students have been engaging in various locomotor activities that teaches the children how to listen and follow directions, so they can remain safe while playing in Physical Education class. The students will be starting a throwing unit at the beginning of October focusing on the underhand throw, overhand throw, and rolling a ball. Students will engage in various throwing activities that will teach them the fundamentals of throwing a ball.

Third through Fifth Grade: The first couple weeks the students have been learning the importance of working together in small groups and also learning the fundamentals of soccer focusing on passing, dribbling, and passing. The students will begin a throwing and catching unit at the beginning of October. They will be using the skills of throwing and catching to be able to play in small side games that involve working together and using positive communication with one another.

St. Joes Run Club: I would like to announce that Run Club will begin for 4th-5th grade students on October 1st until the end of January. You can get sign-up sheets from Mr. Powers. Run Club for 2nd-3rd graders will begin on February 1st until the end of May.

10 reasons to join Run Club

- Improves your **heart muscle and lungs**
- Helps you get **in shape** for sports
- Improves your **fitness level**
- Gives you a chance to **socialize with friends**
- Helps you reach **60 minutes of Physical Activity a day**
- Helps build your **immune system**
- Running helps **boost your self-esteem**
- Builds **leg muscles**
- Running is a **stress-reliever**
- You can earn prizes such as **T-shirts**

COMING EVENTS:

October 8th - No School - Columbus Day

October 16th - Wear blue for Rachel's Challenge/Karen's Hope

October 18th - 1/2 Staff Development Day - Students are dismissed at 11:00 AM

October 19th - Staff Development Day - No School for Students

October 25th - Open House - 5:00 - 6:30 PM

October 29th - Picture Day!

October 31st - Halloween - Parade will begin around 9:00 AM

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Mia Osborn, Austin Tavernier, Aaron Henault, Lilyanie Maldonado, Kellan Marlow, Marley Perry, Sydney White, Nolan McGibbon, Liam Harte, Blake Burke, Hailee Brand, Willow Scott, Mason Osborn, Ayden LaBelle, Autumn Aiken-Dade, Korbin Rovito-Bombard, Sophia Hurteau, Olivia Hurteau, Leila Lafortune, Mrs. Bonville, Miss Reyome



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Corey Barney, Bryce Rousseau, Carson King, Anastazia Pearson, Alexander Smithey, Kenneth Hunter Dumas, Collin Pickreign, Hunter O'Connor, Noah Slocum, Carson Wood, Ryelee Godin, Gianna Poirier, Andrea Carter, Preston Dewey, Leo McCargar, Mrs. Fournier, Miss Gravel

HAPPY Birthday

