



October 20, 2011

Counting our Blessings...

St. Ann School Mission Statement

We at St. Ann School are guided by the Holy Spirit to provide an exceptional Catholic education for students spiritually, academically, physically, and socially.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:30AM,
and 5:30PM

October Events

24 - 4th/5th Spirits @ St. Peter, 5:30PM

24 - 6th/7th Spirits @ St. Peter, 6:30PM

25 - Advisory Mtg., 6:30PM

26 - PALS

26 - Sacramental Prep Mtg., 7-8PM

27 - 4th/5th Spirits vs. Heritage, 4PM

31 - Halloween Parade and Parties
1:00PM

November

1 - NO SCHOOL, All Saints Day

2 - Loaves & Fishes

3 - Picture Retakes

5 - 4/5 & 6/7 Spirits V-Ball Tournament @ Big Rapids HS, TBA

6 - Parish Breakfast after AM Masses

8 - Snowplow Safety Assembly, 9AM

11 - Veteran's Day Assembly, 8AM

15 - NO SCHOOL - Deer Day

16 - K of C Spelling Bee 10AM

16 - Sacramental Prep. Mtg., 7PM

18 - Parent's Night Out, 6:30PM

22 - Thanksgiving Food March, 10AM

22 - Advisory Mtg., 6:30PM

23 - PALS

24-25 - NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving

27 - 1st Sunday of Advent

30 - Middle School Advent Program

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From the Principal

Wow — What a week it's been! The week started with four classes enjoying an awesome field trip to Geer's Pumpkin Patch, students viewing the Book Fair on Monday and purchasing books throughout the week, additional successful volleyball matches for girls in grades 4-7, a fantastic turnout for Muffins with Moms on Wednesday (thank you moms and grandmas for all you do!), great wellness activities provided by Mrs. Koetje, and capped off with terrific attendance at Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday (thank you for attending!). It was truly a great week — and we also did two days of MAP Testing as well!

Next week will slow down a little bit but we will continue to have girls volleyball matches, School Liturgy (7th grade leaders), and our PALS groups will finish their cards to soldiers. We will have a Parent Advisory meeting on Tuesday, our first Bob Evans Community Fun Night on Wednesday from 4:00-9:00PM, and Sacramental Prep on Wednesday at 7:00PM. Upcoming events that you should have on your calendar are Teacher In-service on Tuesday, November 1st (no school for students) and Picture retakes on Thursday, November 3rd.

I would like to remind all of our parents that our annual Halloween student/staff parade will be at 1:00PM on Monday, October 31st (which you are all invited to join us for in the gym). I would like to remind you that all costumes should be non-violent and appropriate for what we expect of all of our students here at St. Ann School.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation in not dropping your child(ren) off before 7:20AM and/or not dropping them off by the fence (instead of at the sidewalk). I will also ask that you please drive carefully through the parking lot as you exit after dropping your child(ren) off as it is still dark and we have staff, parents, and students who are coming into the school from that area. Thank you for your help with this important safety issue.

There are still some raffle and/or Silent Auction items that have not been picked up from the Oktoberfest which we would appreciate if that could be taken care of in the next week. There are still a few Silent Auction items from the list we sent with last week's newsletter that are available for purchase. Please call the school office at 775.1301, if you are interested. The Oktoberfest Committee would like to finalize the Silent Auction line item so they can determine the final amount raised through this fantastic fundraiser (\$30,000 plus!).

I hope you received the Veterans Day Assembly flyer that we sent home on Wednesday. We are very proud to have this opportunity to honor any and all veterans who can attend our assembly on Friday, November 11th, at 8:00AM, but we need your help in spreading the news about this special event. Please reach out to any veteran you know who would like to attend (mom, dad, grandpa, grandma, etc.) and ask them to join us if they are able to do so. We would ask that they RSVP that they are coming so we have enough refreshments for the reception after the assembly, and let us know if they would be willing to speak about their service experience. Please consider purchasing a special Veterans Day t-shirt for that event as well.

Playground Superstars

Quinn Hess, JrK
 Haylee Groen, K
 Allison Parrish, K
 Jaylyn Hamilton, 1st
 Macey McKeever, 1st
 Sean Feister, 2nd
 Emma Reuther, 2nd
 Madi Drabik, 3rd
 Brady McLaurin, 3rd
 Brooke Kochanny, 4th
 Jonathon Parrish, 4th
 Marissa Dolorfino, 5th
 Sydney Paul, 5th
 Eli Galka, 6th
 Stephanie Slater, 6th
 Michael Lonas, 7th
 Aaron Tarantino, 7th

I Spy Awards

Jakob Bartman, 2nd
 Kenna Booher, 1st
 Keegan Buckmaster, 3rd
 Andrew Burt, 3rd
 Camden Clugston, 1st
 Logan Collins, 2nd
 Ryan Cox, 5th
 J.P. Creed, 6th
 Ben Drabik, 2nd (x2)
 Brooke Ellens, K
 Geoff Enyeart, JrK
 Luke Enyeart, 3rd (x2)

Luke Feister, K
 Julia Jezak, 2nd
 Maddie Johnson, 4th
 Mia Kendell, 4th
 Jacob Kochanny, 6th
 Grace Krannitz, 1st
 Jacob LaMonde, 1st
 Fredric Lonas, K
 Garrett Losinski, 4th
 Brady McLaurin, 3rd
 Abbie Peltier, 4th
 Teddy Richards, 1st

Bernardo Rojas, 1st
 Jennifer Slater, 7th
 Lindsey Tonello, 2nd
 Gracie Tweedale, 2nd
 Cole Ulrey, 6th
 Liam Wreford, K
 Kindergarten Class
 Second Grade Class (x2)
 Third Grade Class
 Fourth Grade Class (x2)
 Fifth Grade Class
 Seventh Grade Class

Scrip

Scrip is an easy and very profitable fundraiser for our school. With your help and the support of our parishioners, last year we made \$8,139 from the Scrip program. Please continue to plan ahead before you go shopping and stock up on Scrip.

In case you haven't heard, we now carry Meijer scrip from which we receive a 4% return.

Finally, Walmart has extended their fabulous deal that if you purchase gas at Walmart with a Walmart scrip card, you will receive 10¢ off per gallon until December 24th. Please remember that we will have a Scrip contest during the month of November.

Recycling

St. Ann School and staff are very mindful of being green; we do as much recycling as we can. With your help, we can continue to recycle and earn money at the same time. We're alleviating the volume of waste that goes into landfills, while collecting empty inkjet and laser printer cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras (any), iPods, and laptops. Your help is vital to our fundraising success. Items can be dropped off in the recycle bin outside the gym. We recently received a \$542.86 check for our recent shipment of recyclables.

Handbook Update

Student salad bar is available to cold lunch students for \$1.25, milk is not included.

Hot lunch menus are available online at www.stanncadillac.org

A family whose lunch balance exceeds \$20 will result in their students being served a peanut butter and jelly sandwich only instead of the full entrée until the balance is paid in full.



Running Club



Math+Science Connection

Beginning Edition

Building excitement and success for young children

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TOOLS & TIDBITS



Sports math

Boost your child's math skills while you watch sports together. Ask him how many points the trailing team would need to tie or win. Then, have him calculate the touchdowns, baskets, goals, or runs needed. Older children could work out the possible combinations (touchdowns, extra points, field goals for football; three-pointers, regular baskets for basketball).

Learning about levers

With a piece of wood, a nail, and a hammer, your youngster can learn about a *lever*—a type of *simple machine* that uses force to move or lift an object. Hammer a nail into the wood, and ask her to try to remove it with her fingers. Then, show her how to carefully use the claw end of the hammer to remove the nail. She'll see that a lever makes the job easier.

Web picks

Take a virtual field trip to the Long Island Children's Museum. At www.licm.com/for_kids.php, your child can discover patterns, explore symmetry, and enjoy other math and science activities.

Find science experiments and articles at www.knowmag.ca, the online version of *Know: The Science Magazine for Curious Kids*. Topics include animals, the solar system, technology, and more.

Worth quoting

"Mathematics is the door and key to the sciences." Roger Bacon

Just for fun

Q: If you add 2 apples and 3 apples, what will you get?

A: A math problem!



All about zero

Sometimes zero means nothing, and sometimes it means something. Why do we need the number zero? Use these fun activities to show your youngster why zero is important!

Hunt for zero

Send your child on a search for zeroes. She might find them on a kitchen timer, a ruler, or a score in a newspaper. Then, let her make a "zero poster." She could draw a big zero on a poster board and decorate it with the examples she found. Talk about how zero can be used—as a starting point (ruler), an ending point (timer), or a way to say "nothing" (score).

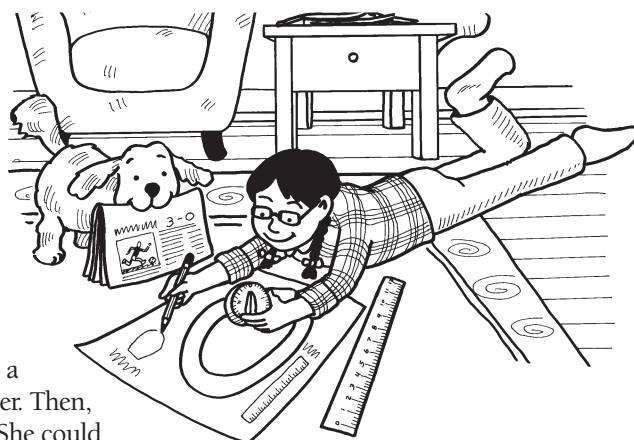
Hold that place

With pencil and paper, have your youngster write the numbers 2, 20, and 200 and read them aloud. Then, let her erase the zeroes and read the numbers again. (20 and 200 are gone!) Explain that zero is a *placeholder*—just as she might ask a friend to hold her place in line while she gets her jacket, the number zero can

hold a place in numbers (example: 20 has 2 in the tens column and 0 in the ones column—since there are no "ones," zero is used to hold a place in that column).

No more left!

Give your child three grapes, have her eat all three, and ask her how many are left (zero). Then, help her write the subtraction problem ($3 - 3 = 0$). Practice with a few more scenarios, and have her solve the subtraction problems ($5 - 5 = 0$, $9 - 9 = 0$). She'll learn that sometimes the answer to a math problem is zero. 🦋

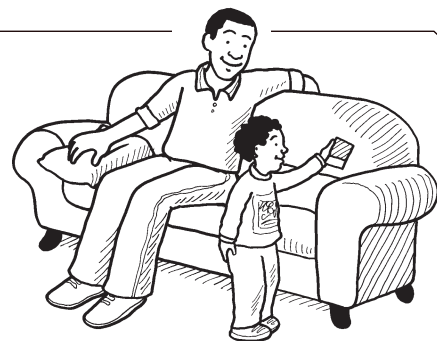


What color?

Teach your youngster to be a keen observer by encouraging him to notice subtle differences in colors. Try this idea.

At a hardware or home improvement store, let your child pick out a variety of paint strips. Cut the strips into individual colors, and put them in a small bag.

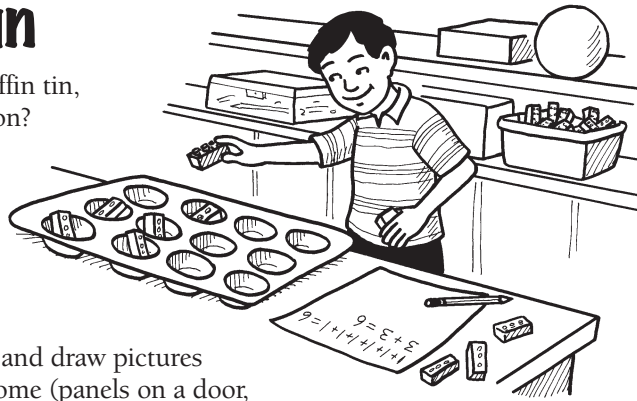
Then, have him pick one out and walk around your house or outside looking for objects that match the shade exactly. As he compares a dark green paint chip to your carpet, a sofa, or the grass, for example, he'll realize that there's a wide range of green—and that he has to look closely to find the differences! 🦋



An array of fun

What do a carton of eggs, a muffin tin, and window panes have in common? They're all examples of *arrays*—arrangements of objects organized into rows and columns. Use arrays to help build your child's understanding of grouping:

- Have your youngster find arrays and draw pictures of them. Suggest that he look at home (panels on a door, drawers on his dresser) or in stores (cupcakes at the bakery, toilet paper rolls in a package).



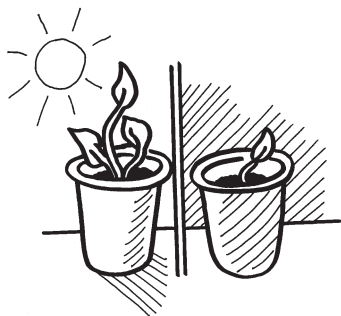
- Let him make his own arrays with a muffin tin and small objects (Legos, blueberries). For example, he could form an array with 2 rows of 3 Legos each. Ask him how many ways he can count the Legos (6 groups of 1, 2 groups of 3, 3 groups of 2). Then, help him write the addition problem for each grouping ($1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 6$; $3 + 3 = 6$; $2 + 2 + 2 = 6$). *For older children:* Turn the groupings into multiplication problems: $6 \times 1 = 6$, $2 \times 3 = 6$, $3 \times 2 = 6$.

SCIENCE LAB

Plant growth

What do plants need to grow? With this simple experiment, your youngster will find out.

Materials: 2 plastic or paper cups, potting soil, 6 bean seeds, water



Help your child fill each cup $\frac{2}{3}$ full of potting soil and add 3 seeds to each one. Let her cover the seeds with more soil and moisten with water. She should put one cup in a sunny window and one in a darker place. Have her water the containers daily to keep the soil damp.

What happens? The plant in the sunny spot will grow faster and taller.

Why? Plants need sunlight as well as water and air to make the food that is necessary for them to grow.

OUR PURPOSE

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MATH CORNER

I know that number!

Here are two fun ways to spend time with your child and give him practice learning to recognize numbers.

Make a Dalmatian. Write the numbers 0–5 on separate index cards. Shuffle the cards, and place them facedown in a stack. Have each player draw an outline of a large dog on a sheet of paper. Take turns picking a card, saying the number out loud, and drawing that number of spots on your dog. When you've used all the cards, shuffle them and play again. Whose Dalmatian has the most spots after three rounds?

Go fishing. Give each player his own "fish bowl" (a clear bowl or plastic container). Then, put out a pile of "fish" (buttons or other small objects) and a stack of index cards numbered 0–10 (shuffled and facedown). To play, pick a card, and put that number of fish in your fish bowl. Return the card to the bottom of the stack. The first one to get 25 fish in his bowl wins. *Note:* Players can use paper and pencil to keep track of their fish.



PARENT TO PARENT

Math box

At back-to-school night, Becca's teacher had a great idea for helping children practice math at home. She suggested that we put together a portable "math box" to play with anytime.

I got a plastic tote box, and together Becca and I filled it with "things with numbers." She put in a deck of cards, dominoes, dice, and flash cards. I added a pencil, a notepad, and a small bag filled with beads.

Then, we thought of math games she could try. Becca suggested rolling three dice and arranging them from lowest to highest. I said she could add the dots on both sides of the dominoes. We wrote each idea on a separate piece of paper and stapled them into a "math idea book." Now she's using her math box in the car, in bed before she goes to sleep, and even at breakfast—and she likes playing with math!

