

Friday April 13th, 2018

Sacred Heart Catholic School

Meekness- God's light in the struggle

"Nothing is going my way today. So and so won't play with me. That kid stole the ball I was playing with. I hate story problems and I refuse to do them. You can't make me. I did not have enough time to finish it. The teams are not fair. Nobody else is trying as hard as I am to win. There are too many rules. Why did that kid get a prize? Life isn't fair."

No, it isn't. Anybody who has tried to see the world as black and white; with clear sparkly pathways to success and happiness to those of us who want it or work for it, quickly find out that life isn't fair. Why does it look so easy for that person?

Very often, a student will be sent to my office because they are refusing to follow the rules. They cannot line up without throwing a fit. They were angry at recess and stormed off of the football field because no one will pass the ball to them. They do not want to attempt a certain type of schoolwork. They are angry and they feel the world is being exceptional hard on them, in particular. They feel that they are being singled out and unfairly pushed back by life.

They are, in fact struggling with a very specific virtue.

Meekness. A misunderstood word in our current culture. Meekness is the ability to give up control and see God in all things, in all people, in all situations. It is the ability to open our eyes and see beyond our own disappointment and frustration. It is the ability to call on patience and kindness, and to trust. Yes, we can help children understand that some things are not in our control and our surroundings will constantly change. It is within our minds to be able to adapt, to bend.

Self-control is the magic formula. It is time to practice how we react to the chaotic and unfair world around us. As the children develop self-control, they become stronger. Knowing the world can be unfair, and asking God to give us the strength we need to calm fear and anxiety can give us power. Meekness gives us a chance to take a time out from the intensity. Meekness reminds us that God is in charge and He gives us all of the power we need to handle the day. To see God in all things and to not judge; but to become reasonable and open to correction. To learn. To grow. To achieve. The meek will set their mind to God's purpose and can learn to rebuild instead of breaking down. To shine.

God Bless, Anne Atkin, principal

Upcoming Events

April 18th– Sky Dome Planetarium and ice cream social
Showings at 5:30-6:30

April 18th– jean/jersey day

April 27th-1st/2nd grade to
The Adrian Symphony for
Firebird

Sky Dome Planetarium

April 18th at 5:30 and 6:30

See the attached flyer



Good for Our Heart

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Bad for Yours

Food Fair and Raffle

June 2nd 5:00-8:00

Sacred Heart Church

Be a food vendor and
join the fun!

See the attached flyer

News from Kindergarten

Dear Families,

It was so great to come back to school and see all of your children! I did enjoy my break but was really starting to miss them. I hope everyone was able to relax over spring break and spend time with their families. This week we are getting back into our routines and reviewing what we learned in the month of March.

In kindergarten we are becoming more familiar with "magic e" and simple subtraction. Our DK friends are working with CVC words. Practicing sounding them out and writing them down. We are working on saying the word slowly like a turtle or stretching out like a snake. We need to hear all the sounds. We are also working hard on using our lowercase letters when we write. For math we are practicing one more and one fewer.

As a whole group we finished up our Michigan poster. Look at it with your child and have them tell you all about Michigan. We are also learning a new game called Piggy Bank. This is giving us practice working with money as well as counting by 5's, 10's and addition.

Next Sunday (April 22nd) is Earth Day so we will be spending next week learning all about the earth and how to help keep her clean and safe. We will also be working more on blends and digraphs.

A few reminders...

1. Keep working on those sight word lists. The children going to first grade need to know all the words!
2. Please remember to pack a snack for your child every day. Even if they are hot lunch they will need a snack.
3. Your child is allowed to bring a water bottle (with water only please) into the classroom. This really cuts down on how many times they leave the classroom.

If you have any questions please let me know.



Congratulations to the 1st/2nd grade! They read the most books during March is Reading Month and won a pizza party. Thank you to the parents who encouraged their children to read and turn in reading logs. A special thank you to Mrs. La-Russa for the delicious brownies and to Mrs. McCaskey for encouraging all of the reading.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Zophia Shepherd 1st April 2nd

Kallie Henning 4th April 10th

Aiden Tedora 4th April 10th

Jaxon Brasher PK April 13th

Evan Tedora K April 20th



News from Preschool

This first week back to school from Easter and Spring break has been a busy week. We finished up our letters for the year by working on Z. For the rest of the year we will be doing a lot of letter review and practice still. We also started working on the number 1, and talking about how we need to have Faith and Trust in God. We have also been talking about Noah and how God told Noah to build an Ark for him and his family along with 2 of every animal and how Noah trusted God and did what he was asked to do.

Dates to Remember:

April 18: Jean and Jersey Day AND Planetarium 5:30 and 6:30

Have a beautiful weekend!

Miss Jessica