

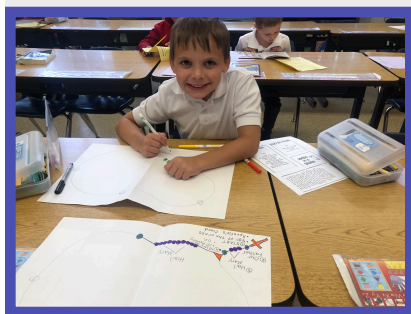
2A News

Dates to Remember

- * Picture retake day is Thursday.
- * I will begin listening to children recite the Morning Offering tomorrow.
- * Mid-trimester reports go home on Friday.

Reminders/Notes

- * Keep sending raincoats in for these rainy days!



Blake working on his drawing of Rosary beads.

What's Happening in Second Grade!

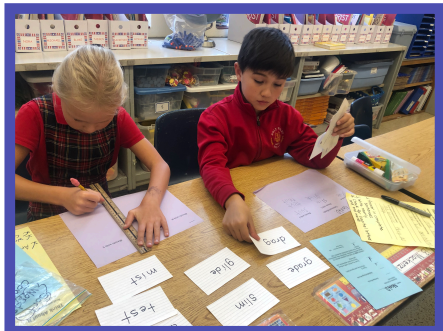
Reading – This week we will read a realistic fiction text, *The Ugly Vegetables*. Our second story is an information text titled, *They Really are Giant*, which is about actual gigantic pumpkins and other large vegetables that have won contests for being the biggest. Our target skill is Drawing Conclusions. The students will learn how to use story clues to figure out more information about the events and characters in the story.

Poem of the Week - *Halloween Fool*

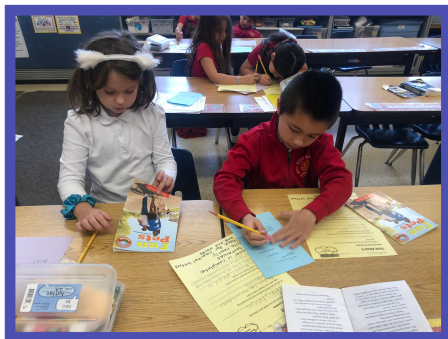
Spelling Words - dress, class, full, spell, doll, cliff, black, jazz, trick, rock,
Challenge Words: repeated, plural

To help understand and remember when to use double consonants, we will be introducing mnemonic devices this week called FALLS and OVERCHECK. It helps the students understand why we double up consonant letters at the end of words. For example, why do we add the second consonant "l" to the end of small? When the letters f, l, s, or z, follow a baby short vowel, we double the last letter. We wouldn't spell buzz 'buz' because the "z" follows a baby short vowel sound, so we double up the "z." We call these FALLS to help us remember what letters we double-up.

Writing/grammar - We will spend time reviewing what an adjective is while students work with a partner to write descriptive sentences about different pumpkin pictures. By the end of the week each student will make a pumpkin out of



Adeline and Noah working on sorting words during reading stations.



Annabelle and Michael writing written responses after reading a book about pets.

construction paper and create sentences about their pumpkin making sure to include adjectives.

Math – We continue working with number patterns. We will learn about arrays and odd/even numbers.

Science - The second grade scientists will finally begin learning about the three states of matter.

Religion – We will resume creating our Liturgical Calendar.

Touching Safety – We will begin the Touching Safety program this week. The creators of the Protecting God's Children program developed the Touching Safety program. It is provided to us by the archdiocese and is part of the ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children. For more information on the Touching Safety program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at www.virtus.org.

Homework –

Monday	Religion: Practice the Morning Offering
Tuesday	Spelling: Stair Step Spelling (directions will be in your child's folder)
Wednesday	Grammar: Plural Nouns
Thursday	Reading: Read <u>aloud</u> to an adult for at least 20 minutes

Have a wonderful week,

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