



Sacred Heart
Academy

January 6, 2012

Mrs. Piotrowski's Newsletter

Happy New Year!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year over break! Starting this year please help your children be independent and say good-bye to your children before they enter the classroom. This is important so they learn to follow the routine and can get prepared for 2nd grade!

Final 1st grade field trip!

We will be going on our last big field trip on Tuesday, May 8th, 2012 to the Chippewa Nature Center.

We will be participating in the Incredible Insects program. I can take two parent volunteers with us on this trip. If you would like to help chaperone please let me know. Each child will need to bring a sack lunch with a juice drink or bottle of water.

Shagala 2012

Sacred Heart does a yearly fundraiser called Shagala. Each class creates a fun basket that will be auctioned off at Shagala. Our class is making a basket to raise money and we need to bring in items that go along with our basket theme.

Our basket theme is "Snow Day," and some suggestions on things we need are family dvd's, kids cd's, throw blankets, coloring books, candles, hats, mittens, board games, crafts, books, hot cocoa, card games, sleepover items, snack food, snow related items, ect. Everything you donate will be greatly appreciated by SHA! Please send in items as soon as possible! 😊

Reminders

Don't forget a healthy snack for your child is needed because we do not eat lunch until 12:00!

There is a new January Reading Log for this month in your child's homework folder. Keep track of the minutes your child reads every day and turn it to me by February 1st earn the pizza reward. Please remember your child should be reading aloud to you or another adult every night!

Remember to send your children to school with hats, gloves, snow pants, and boots with their names written on them in case they get lost.

Continue to use the Word Wall Sheet for sight words and to write sentences.

January 19th is a ½ Day - 10:30 Dismissal

Thank You!

I just want to say Thank You again for all the wonderful Christmas cards and gifts I received. I am very lucky to work with such wonderful families! I really love my job and my students here at SHA!

This Week's Highlights

Math- This week we worked on more subtraction strategies and began using those strategies to write fact families. A "fact family" is made up of 3 numbers and has 4 related math facts. For example:

$$3+4=7$$

$$4+3=7$$

$$7-4=3$$

$$7-3=4$$

Please continue to practice addition and subtraction facts at home as well.

Science- We reviewed our weather unit this week and finished up with the unit test. We have 2 more science units to study for this year Animal Life and Sorting Things out. These units are from the Battle Creek Math and Science Center. Next week, we begin to study properties of matter.

Reading- We are working on taking words and blending the sounds together. During reading groups we read a story called, "What's that Sound."

Religion- We learned about what it means to be "Holy." We had a special epiphany prayer with Father Loren.

Writing- We wrote about our favorite part of Christmas and they shared them with the class.