

# Academy News

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## Upcoming Events:

Feb. 24	Pre-school and Kindergarten Open House
	Special Lunch
Feb. 27-Mar. 2	Dr. Seuss Week
Mar. 2	Field Trip
Mar. 6	Oreo's 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Mar. 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences (optional) <b>Dismissal at 1:30pm</b>
Mar. 12-16	International Week
Mar. 16	Family Game Night <b>Cancelled</b>

## SAVE THE DATE

April 27, 2012

**"A Night at The Academy Awards"**  
**Academy Gala**

## Dr. Seuss Week

"Oh the Places You Will Go"...Dr. Seuss

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss February 27-March 2. Each day the classrooms will be doing various activities related to Dr. Seuss books. We will end the week with our field trip to the Pickwick Theater to see **The Lorax**. March 2 was also Dr. Seuss's birthday!



## Parent Meeting

As a follow-up to our Focus Group of January 19, we will be having a mandatory parent meeting within the next couple of weeks. A date has not yet been determined, but all parents are required to attend. As soon as a date has been scheduled, we will let you know.

## Smart Tuition Administrative Fee

Because schools within the Archdiocese of Chicago are being required to have all families enroll with Smart Tuition, the Administrative Fee has been reduced to \$29.00. The fee is incorrect on the forms we were sent from the company. The fee will be included with your tuition payments.

## International Week

It has become a tradition at The Academy to celebrate our cultures. Each year during March we celebrate International Week. Parents, you are invited to come and share with us about your traditions, culture, foods, etc. The teachers have sent home letters and times for you to come and give us a brief demonstration.

In the past, we have had parents come to share with us about their Polish, German, Irish traditions, and more. The students love to have you come visit the classroom and share with us your traditions. If you are interested and able, please set up a time with your child's teacher based on the times given for the week of March 12-16.



## Lenten Project

Our focus during this year has been Faith, Academics, and Service. Lent began on Ash Wednesday, when the children received ashes as a sign of Jesus dying on the cross for us. As a school community, we have decided to raise money for the children of Haiti through Catholic Relief Services. We are asking the students to do various chores around the house to raise money to be donated. We will be collecting any loose change up through March 30. We will be sending the money before we break for Easter.

Each classroom has made a bank to collect the donations, and during Religion class, the teachers have been talking with the students about Haiti.

## St. Patrick's Day Celebration

We have been invited to participate in a St. Patrick's Day Celebration at The Underpass on Saturday, March 10. St. Cyprian School is hosting the event, but they have invited our school families to participate. We hope to see you there!



## Box Tops – Keep them coming!!!

We are close to reaching 2500 Box Tops!!!! Thank you very much for sending them in with your children. We will be collecting for the 2500 up through February 24. We will start a new count after that date. Remember for every 20 Box Tops you submit, your child receives an Out of Uniform Pass! **Help us reach our new goal of 2500!!!**



## Check out what's happening in our classrooms...

### Ms. Margaret's Pre-School

This week in the 3-year-olds preschool class, the children finished working on the letter Nn and began working on the letter Oo.

The stories this week included About Reptiles by Cathryn Sill, The Greedy Python by Richard Buckley, and All About Alligators by Jim Arnosky

In Science, the children examined snakeskin shoes and pictures of snakes, and pictures of turtles in their habitat. In math, the children compared measurements, made bracelets with nine beads, and put number cards in order.

### Ms. Nancy's Pre-Kindergarten



This week the students learned about the letter O, by painting with oranges and orange carrots. The students enjoyed learning how to care for their teeth by deciding what kind of foods are healthy, how to properly brush, and what happens to teeth when they are not taken care of. Ask you child what happens to your teeth when you drink too much soda.

Looking Ahead ...

Dr. Seuss sneak peak...

- On Monday we will create hats, from, "The Cat in the Hat."
- Have a wacky snack on Wacky Wednesday
- Find out if the students like green eggs and ham!

### Ms. Kim's Class

This week the students finished their Hot Rod book. They played two games, one involved rhyming words and the other they played with a buddy, using the game pieces in the back of their book. They raced to see who would reach the finish line first. You can play the game with your child at home too. The students listened to a story about sharing. Make sure to ask your child about the story, Hot Rod's Sharing Solution. We also began the next Superkids book, Us, which is about all the Superkids. In math, the kindergarteners are busy working on addition. We are learning that addition means joining two groups together. We are also continuing to work on counting skills using our hundred chart. This week was also Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The students have talked about what happens on Ash Wednesday, what they will give up for Lent, and ways they can serve others during Lent.

### Mrs. Sibick's Multi-age Classroom

First graders are learning to read, write, and spell contractions. They just read The Spingle, Spangle Talent Show. Soon they will begin the next unit called, More Adventures of Superkids. Second grade read the story Alec Explains. Ask your child what it is about. Cursive letters a and c were practiced this week. First grade students are learning how much 2 tens is (20). Second graders are double checking their subtraction with addition. For example, if  $40-30=10$ , then  $30+10=40$ . The Academy was very proud of students during church on Ash Wednesday. Our class will have Our Promises for Lent hanging in the hallway soon. Each student promised to work on something or give us something for Lent. The students are finishing up on a venn diagram of presidents and writing. They are working very hard. The students listened to two stories on the Smartboard. The books talked about presidents and Abraham Lincoln. Ask them to share a fact they learned. Have a great week!