

Academy News

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SAVE THE DATE

April 27, 2012

"A Night at The Academy Awards"
Academy Gala

Academy Gala

Friday, April 27 is our Academy Gala, "A Night at The Academy Awards." Join us for the evening with dinner, dancing, raffles, auctions, and more! Invitations for the event will be sent out next week. This is a wonderful way for us to celebrate our families, students, teachers, and the many accomplishments we have had throughout the school year. If you have not yet submitted names and addresses of family and friends you would like to invite, please do so by next week!



Academy of St. Priscilla
at Divine Savior



Upcoming Events:

Mar. 2	Field Trip
Mar. 6	Oreo's 100 th Birthday
Mar. 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences (optional) Dismissal at 1:30pm
Mar. 12-16	International Week
Mar. 16	Family Game Night Cancelled
Mar. 23	Teacher In-service NO SCHOOL

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.

Report Cards and Conferences

Tomorrow marks the end of the second trimester. Report cards will be given out Thursday, March 8. Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 9. These are optional conferences, however we will be dismissing at 1:30pm. Extended Care will be available for parents not able to pick up at 1:30pm.

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.

Fundraising Fee

As you know, each family is responsible for raising \$200 for our fundraising fee for the 2011-2012 school year. Many families participated in our Football Mania fundraiser and have fulfilled their required \$200. If you have not, please see the flyer sent home today in our communication folders for selling raffle tickets for our \$500 Cash Raffle. The winner of the raffle will be drawn the night of the Gala!

Academy Gala Planning Committees

Planning for the Gala can be a full time job! Parents, we need your help. A flyer is going home today for you to select a way in which you can help plan for our upcoming event. There are a variety of selections for you to choose from. Mark your calendars for the evening of March 12. Our FSA meeting on the 12th will be focused on our Gala, and working in the committees you have selected to be a part of. Thank you so much for your help in advance! Without your help, this event will not be as successful as it can be!

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

Ms. Margaret's Pre-School

This week in the 3-year-olds preschool class, the children Celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by listening to several of his books including, One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish Blue Fish, Horton Hatches the Egg, and There's a Wocket in my Pocket. They also listened to The Lorax in preparation for the movie on Friday.

The children worked on the letter Oo.

In Science, the children talked about taking care of their teeth and watched the effects of vinegar on an egg's shell.

In Math, the children sorted and graphed animal legs by number and matched numbers with quantities.

Ms. Nancy's Pre-Kindergarten



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

During Dr. Seuss week the prekindergarten class participated in many exciting Dr. Seuss activities. The students listened to "The Cat in the Hat" on Monday and created red and white hats. Some students enjoyed eating green eggs and ham on Tuesday while others did not. On Wacky Wednesday the students created wacky sculptures and played "pin the sock on the foot." This week Chaz was scientist of the week and the students watched what happened when you mixed backing soda, water and vinegar together.

Looking Ahead...

- Students will celebrate Oreo's 100th Birthday by eating a special Oreo for snack.
- Learn about the letter P
- The students will continue to do good deeds to raise money for our Lenten Project.

Ms. Kim's Class

This week the students learned about vowels and consonants. We read the story "Tug" in our Superkids book and listened to the story "Just Plain Us." The students also drew a picture of their favorite Superkid and then wrote why they liked that Superkid. We will be working on making this into a video about our favorite Superkids in the upcoming weeks. The kindergarteners also finished working on addition and are beginning subtraction. The students also enjoyed working with their Pre-school buddies again on a Dr. Seuss activity.

Mrs. Sibick's Multi-age Classroom

First graders finished their Superkids booklet! They are very excited to read from their second reader and leveled books! I can't wait to hear them read the stories. Second grade is reading their 3rd Super magazine. Ask them about Dancing Dreams or 3-2-1, Lift Off! Second grade has begun writing g and d in cursive this week. Math is very busy. First graders were learning about expanded form of tens and ones ($3 \text{ tens} + 5 \text{ ones} = 35$ $30 + 5 = 35$). Second graders are working on counting hundreds, tens, and ones. The students discussed Lent and what they would give up. This week was full of Dr. Seuss activities. The students listened to Hop On Pop and hopped different ways at stations (one foot, right foot, left foot, softly). They made a cat in the hat and wrote about a Dr. Seuss book they liked. They wrote a page for our Dr. Seuss book. The preschoolers told our class what they wanted to say and they recorded it. Tomorrow we will watch The Lorax. They will also walk around the room to do a Dr. Seuss checklist. These are just a few of the things we did this week!