



# St. James Kindergarten Newsletter

April 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

## Conversation Starters with Your Child:

What are your new high frequency words this week? Can you use them in a sentence?

What are the steps in a frog's life cycle?

If you have 1 quarter, how many cents do you have?

What is one nice thing you are doing for Lent?

## Favorite Read Alouds:

Jump, Frog, Jump by Robert Kalan

Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus



## Highlights:



1. This week's animal life cycle that we focused on was the frog! Students practiced being frogs by jumping from a starting line and then measuring how far they jumped from it, using unifix cubes and paper clips!
2. Students listened to Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus and we focused on the skill of conventions by listening for complete/incomplete sentences (ie: "Leo is a tiger." vs "tiger").
3. Kindergartners continue to work on their simple additions and subtraction skills by creating flower addition problems along with reading & solving subtraction word problems.
4. In Heggerty (Blue Book) phonemic awareness this week, kindergartners listened for R-blends in words (dr, cr, br, fr, gr and tr). They also had to listen for rhyming words using blends (drum/crumb, trip/trap).

High Frequency Words: **so, your**

(Last week's words: **his, show**)



## Upcoming Events:

- Fri. April 19<sup>th</sup> – Wed. April 24<sup>th</sup>  
– Easter Break; No School
- Thurs. April 25<sup>th</sup> – Classes resume
- Mon. April 29<sup>th</sup> – Spiritwear Day
- Mon. May 6<sup>th</sup>– Pizza w/a  
Purpose \*send a beverage
- Fri. May 10<sup>th</sup>–May Crowning Mass  
9:00AM
- Thurs. May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Creative Learning  
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## Calling all Parents!

Our annual Kindergarten Olympics will be on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping out on this fun morning, please e-mail your child's teacher!



## Weekly Curriculum:

**Writing and Reading:** Kindergartners practiced high frequency words **so, your** while reading this week's HFW book and highlighting the word in each sentence. We encourage students daily to use complete sentences along with utilizing proper letter formation in their own writing.

**Religion:** Kindergartners created beautiful cross crafts that look like stained glass pieces! They had to stick tissue paper squares to a black cross outline and then cut out the cross. A great fine motor skill activity that also reinforces Jesus' sacrifice for us and the Easter message.

**Science:** We've been tackling the frog's life cycle this week! Numerous non-fiction books have been read and we learned the life cycle is: egg-tadpole-froglet-adult frog. Students even made their own frog life cycle lily pad craft!

**Math:** During calendar each day we still review our coins (penny, nickel, dime & quarter) and create the day of the month using coins. We also continue to work on place value through our "day of school" count; day "140" occurred this week and that means a "1" is in the hundreds place, "4" in the tens place and "0" in the ones place.



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