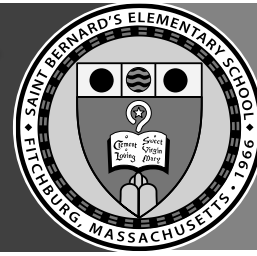


WHAT'S NEW

St. Bernard's Elementary School News



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*Inspired by the motto
"Deeds not Words," St. Bernard's
Elementary School is a Catholic
community of faith, learning and
service joined in living Gospel values.
In partnership with our families,
we strive to develop both academic
excellence and compassion for others
in our students.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS



Pre-K Alleluia, Alleluia!
Jesus has risen. Our
youngest Bernardians
are on the lookout for all

the "New Life" that is starting to
appear. Baby bunnies, squirrels, baby
chipmunks and even some new babies
at home! Pre-K's newest letters are
U, R & Q. Children are spotting
things that are oval shaped as they
practice their next shape.

Kindergarten Spring has sprung and
the classroom is buzzing with hands
on activities during Center Time.
Math Talks are focusing on
Estimation and students are working
hard on Place Value. The number of
Popcorn words continues to grow as
word families expand. The children
continue to focus on growing in
Kindness during this Easter Season.



Grade 1 It's a sure
sign of spring when
readers and writers
are beginning to

"bloom" in First Grade! All the hard
work of building important
foundational literacy skills is now
coming together as our young readers
begin to gain fluency and an
excitement for sharing their budding
skills with one another. Reading
narrative and
informational texts, and

identifying the key features of each, is
also giving our students a model for
having a clearer purpose in their own
writing as well.



Grade 2 Students are
focusing on their favorite
science unit of the
year...Dinosaurs! Topics include
extinction, dinosaur sizes, fossils,
carnivores vs herbivores, and the life
of a Paleontologist. The unit
concludes with students' presentation
of dinosaur dioramas which includes
three facts for each dinosaur in their
scene.



Grade 3 It's Division in
Math during the month
of April. Students
explored the relationship with
addition and subtraction earlier in
the school year. Now that they have
begun working with multiplication.
Students will be exploring the
relationship of multiplication and
division. Learning strategies such as
Math Fact Families, Arrays, skip
counting and pictures will help reveal
how multiplication and division are
related.



Grade 4 Lots of exciting
things continue to
happen. In Science, students are
learning about fossils and will create

their very own. And then it's on to
plant and animal structure. In Social
Studies, students will be arriving in
the Southwest! One more region to go.
And then the challenge - will they
know all 50 states and capitals by
June?

Grade 5 Students learned about the
Stations of the Cross during this
Lenten season. As the students
prayed the Stations of the Cross
together, they reflected on them
through the eyes of Mary. As part of
their experience, the students created
a Sunset and Shadows Art project
depicting the Stations.



Grade 6 Students are
learning about two young
women who exhibited tremendous
courage in the face of many physical
and emotional issues and left their
marks on the world. Helen Keller
was blind and deaf yet overcame
these odds to become an author and
lecturer. Anne Frank gained
international fame posthumously
following the publication of her diary,
which documented her experiences
hiding during the German occupation
of the Netherlands in World War II.
Anne Frank always believed that, "*in
spite of everything, people are truly
good at heart.*"



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS CONTINUED

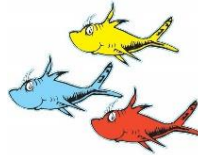
Grade 7 It's Spring in Science class, too! Our botanists are successfully cultivating green bush beans and are recording detailed observations in their seed journals. This simple project is an excellent exercise in the importance of following specific directions, careful data collection and interpretation of results. Plants will go home with their student to be added to summer gardens.



Grade 8 Exciting times in math! Students will be working with linear functions and linear inequalities, which includes working with relations, functions, scatter plots, and direct variation. They will also determine slope, and equations of lines, and use slope to determine if lines are perpendicular or parallel. Graphing systems of linear equations and linear inequalities comes next!



Art Lots of kinetic art projects...two and three dimensional work that has motion. Splashing walruses, moving snowplows, Northern Lights mobiles, and downhill skiers decorate the school. Fifth Graders made Arbor Day posters "*It's Time For Trees.*" Franophia Sibetya's poster was selected to be entered in a statewide contest with prize potential. We are patiently waiting for news!



Read Across America Day! March 2 is the birthday of Ted Geisel, the beloved creator of Dr. Seuss. Our students enjoyed the day with all things Dr. Seuss and hosted celebrity readers in their classrooms!

Pre-K - Mr. Steven Maki-Gym Teacher Extraordinaire

K - Mayor Steven DiNatale Mayor of Fitchburg

Gr. 1 Trooper Sean Maki STB Elementary graduate

Gr. 2 Mrs. Linda Anderson Principal STB HS

Gr/ 3 Mrs. Julie LeBlanc STB School Nurse

Coming Events

April 2.
Palm Sunday

April 6
Holy Thursday – Full Day of School
Tenebrae Service – Grs. 7 & 8 STB HS

April 7
Good Friday – NO SCHOOL

April 9
Easter Sunday

April 10
Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL

April 12
Foundation Visit – NEASC Visiting Team – One Day Visit

April 16
Mother-Son Bowling

April 17 - 21
Spring Vacation – NO SCHOOL!

April 13-23
Fiesta Shows Carnival
STB Elementary School Filed

April 28
Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL

April 29
First Communion

~ BERNARDIAN LIFE AT STB ~

A Letter from the Sisters of the Presentation

In 1886 Mother Magdalen Keating set out from Staten Island, New York, with a small group of sisters to begin a new foundation of Presentation Sisters in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The Sisters eventually opened schools and other ministries in other areas of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Hampshire. Presently we stand on the shoulders of these brave, faith-filled women who sought to be the compassion of Christ to those who called to them. We give thanks to God for the memories we hold as

educators and mentors in your parish community.

Today's call to women religious continues to be one in which we place our hope and trust in God, as we join with the Sisters of Notre Dame in Worcester to form a community of service through our ministry of common prayer for the needs of our world today. As we leave Presentation Convent, we know it will not be easy, but Nano Nagle has shone her lantern in directing us in this 'evolving time' of religious life. Residing at Notre Dame du Lac will provide the sisters with the spiritual and physical care each one needs. During the coming week, the sisters

will be moving to Worcester, but be assured that you will always hold a special place in hearts and prayer. You are welcome as always to visit us in our new home because our lantern will continue to shine as does our mission.

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