KINDERGARTEN NEWSFLASH

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Dear Kindergarten Families,

It is hard to believe all of this snow we are getting this winter. It seems like the students are really enjoying it!

Next week is *Catholic Schools Week* - January 31st - February 4th, 2011. This year, the theme is "*Catholic Schools Are A+ For America."* During this week, there will be activities to help celebrate. Here is next week at a glance:

Monday, January 31st - Philanthropy Day

Tuesday, February 1st - Vocations Day

Wednesday, February 2nd - *Dress Up Day - Mix n' Match Dress Down and Crazy Hair Day.*

Thursday, February 3rd - School Spirit Day - wear your Saint Mary School Class Color T-Shirt (White) that you ordered or any other shirt in White.

Friday, February 4th - First Friday Mass at 12:00 PM. Full Dress Uniform.

FOR FURTHER DETAIL, PLEASE REFER TO THE <u>ATTACHED</u> SCHOOL MEMO THAT WAS SENT HOME LAST WEEK!

This week the following items were covered:

<u>Literacy</u>: Unit 3 in Reading - We Read: <u>Bunny Cakes</u>, which is a story about a bunny named Max and his sister, Ruby (Max and Ruby) who decide that their Grandma needs a cake for her birthday. Unfortunately, they can't agree on what kind of cake. Max visits the grocery store, but it's not until he draws a picture on his list for the grocer that he has all the ingredients he needs for his earthworm cake.

Reading - Cause and Effect
Phonics - Skill Review
Oral Language - Follow Oral Directions
Writing - Question Marks

Math: Cont. of Chapter 8.

We learned to recognize examples of 0-12 and sort and classify by number. We learned to use more and fewer to compare sets of objects. We learned to solve a problem by acting it out to make and identify equal groups.

Religion:

We learned that God has given us many different kinds of teachers. We learned that we can teach others too.

Social Studies:

In our January Scholastic News, we learned about all of the neat things that we can make with snow.

Some important items:

- One area that we can always use support from home on is handwriting; especially getting the students to write their letters and numbers from memory.
- We will hopefully be starting Spanish with Mrs. Manno next Tuesday, February 1st. (10:00 AM)

- Please note on First Friday Mass Days, $\frac{1}{2}$ Days, and Early Dismissal Days, I won't be able to get to the Book-in-the-Bags. When this is the case, I will return your child's book so that they can continue to practice until the next regular school day.
- As you know, our Class Color for Kindergarten is White. Each grade level is assigned a specific color. These class colors move up with the class. On class spirit days, students may wear their class color t-shirts that they ordered or any other shirt of the same color. This will be the case next Thursday, February 3rd during Catholic Schools Week when it is School Spirit Day.

Have a great weekend!

Ms. Cavanagh