

All Saints' Day School

Learning Through Play Since 1969

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Where's Wally?

As most of you know, our school is one of the few preschools in all of VB that has Pearl School status through Lynnhaven River Now (LRNow). This is an on-going effort that gets renewed each year and is mostly facilitated by our amazing staff through class projects. This year LRNow has added a new activity that you can do with your child that will also benefit our school. Wally the Water Drop is being used to help teach our community about watersheds.



Meet Wally the Waterdrop!

Wally's the newest member of the LRNow staff, and his job is to drop in on Virginia Beach's beautiful watersheds and share his observations and experiences with you. He comes with a great resume. Among other talents, Wally is an experienced photo model who received the Watercademy Award for "Best Facial Expressions" in 2020.

Although he is a public relations expert, Wally has a huge job dropping into all of Virginia Beach's nine watersheds by himself. He'll constantly be on the move and it will be hard to keep up with him.

So where is Wally? We don't always know. Please help us figure out his location and the name of the closest body of water in the photos we post on LRNow's social media platforms.

Here's what you can do to help spread the word while educating our community and having some fun. LRNow would like for you to:

- 1. Go to the website, download and print your very own Wally. https://www.lynnhavenrivernow.org/resources/
- 2. Take Wally to your favorite park, and take a picture of Wally in the park, with something in the background that will help people to ID the park. Your family can be in the picture too.
- 3. Send the picture to education@LRNow.org, along with your name, school (All Saints' Day School), the name of the park, the nearest body of water Wally will head towards, and one way in which people can help to keep the water clean or a fact about watersheds.
- 4. LRNow will choose 4 pictures to use each Wednesday of the month, and the rest will be placed in an "album" at the end of the month on their Facebook page.

Visit our Facebook page to check out this week's post with Wally. Like us and follow us to follow the adventures of Wally. https://www.facebook.com/LRNow/

LRNow is asking all of our friends to share via Facebook posts and encourage other families to try to figure out where Wally is by visiting the possible parks in that watershed.

2021-2022 Registration is OPEN!



Our registration process for the next school year has been open for two months now and opened to the public on Monday, January 4th. If you have not already registered, you will want to do so soon. We need to plan staffing for next year and cannot do so effectively without knowledge of how many staff we will need to meet the state

requirements. It's a risk to wait until August if we want to continue to secure the very best instruction personnel for our students. For those of you who will have children who are age-eligible for Kindergarten (five by September 30, 2021), you have two options:

- 1) Consider an additional year of Kindergarten to give your child an extra year of maturity.
- 2) Enrolling your child in the ASDS Kindergarten, knowing that we have a success record for being able to STAY open when the public and some private schools have had to close for COVID-19 related issues.

Regardless of your child(ren)'s ages, there's no better time than the present to check "registration" off of your to-do list.

Thank You for Helping Us ALL Stay Well!

We are all still healthy and authorized to remain open! Thank you for your part in continuing to make this a reality! Now is not the time to relax. We must continue the hard work of staying vigilant and not let down our guard as our city's rates of infection decline. Please Continue to mask, socially distance, wash your hands thoroughly and frequently, and be diligent as families and individuals when out and about. ALL of these practices are critical to our continued success in keeping COVID-19 at bay and are necessary in order



for our school to stay open. You have been wonderful so far. We trust that you will not let the lure and aura of pending vaccine availability get you off track. We're all in this together.

From the Director:



As we move deeper into Flu Season and become more vulnerable to ALL challenges to our health, we ask that you keep in mind the symptoms associated with the Novel Corona Virus – COVID-19. We thank you and your family for checking each and **every day**.

COVID-19 Symptoms

| Fever of 100.4 F (38.0 C) | Diarrhea | Muscle or body aches | Congestion or runny nose |
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| Chills | Fatigue | New loss of taste or smell | Nausea or vomiting (GI symptoms) |
| Cough | Headache | Sore throat | Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing |

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Ms. Cathy & Ms. Teresa

It's hard to believe we are already finished with February! The Dolphin class has had lots of fun learning new recipes, seeing the benefits of recycling, reusing, and reducing. We also have had several celebrations this month. In the kitchen, we have made Rice Krispy™ treats, s'mores on a stick, and hundredth day of school trail mix. We also made our own king cake to compare to a store-bought king cake.

































When discussing recycling, the children made several toys from "trash" we were able to recycle and reuse. We collected cardboard boxes, cardboard tubes, bottle caps, and milk jugs. We turned our trash into toys and games; creating a tic tac toe game, a ring toss, and a cup and ball toss game; kendama.

During the week of the fourteenth, we did several Valentine-themed science and STEM experiments. We created heart shaped crystals with borax soap and hot water, the children did many observations with conversation hearts, and built towers and experimented with balancing hearts on tongue depressors.















Several special days fell in February. We really got into Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, and our One Hundredth Day of school. Each day had its own unique celebration and a fun time was had by all.









Our daily routine has remained the same. We continue to have one-to-one reading time with each child every morning. I am very pleased with the progress all the children are making in their individual readers. The children also spend one-to-one time with Ms. Teresa every morning working on their sight words. In math, we have broken the children into small groups. Each group is working on various skills. The range of skills go from writing numerals, to basic addition, and all the way to simple word problems. All of the children are working very hard and progressing nicely. For a short month, we certainly fit lots in. The Dolphins are all working hard, having fun, and excited to learn. We all are

looking forward to Spring and everything it has in store.









Ms. Parker & Ms. Drehoff

Wow! February has been an absolute whirlwind... we covered so much material in a short month. We were able to study two weeks of community helpers, 2 weeks of black history and in between all of that we had Groundhog Day, Valentines' Day and the 100th day of school.

The Sea Otters learned about the importance of the dentist and how to protect their teeth and not to be nervous of all the equipment around to help make sure their teeth are healthy. Our craft for our dental unit was painting with toothbrushes. Firefighters were one of the boys' favorite community helpers. They loved discussing all about the equipment on the trucks and how they zoom to each emergency. We learned about the important of each piece of the firefighter's suit and how it can help protect them. In a previous visit from a local firefighter, he taught us to have a meeting point in our front yard, and to practice leaving the house in case of an emergency. He also reminded us that we need to change our batteries in our smoke detectors.

Our next community helpers were doctors and nurses. The children were asked, "What, do doctors and nurses do?" We received a variety of answers from: "They give me shots," to "They check my ears," and "They make me feel better." The children used their fine motor skills to open up band-aids and create people out of them. This was a fun craft that showed their creativity.

We next talked about the importance of our furry family members (dogs and cats) going to get checked out if they aren't acting in their normal loving way. This led us to a discussion of veterinarians. Our kiddos created some adorable puppies in class.







The number one job of police officers is to keep us safe. They also make sure that rules are followed. We enjoyed creating our personal police cars.

During the last two weeks of February, we celebrated the lives of African Americans. Benjamin Banneker is known for creating the first American clock, among other things. Charles Henry Turner was a scientist and taught us that bumble bees can see in color, caterpillars and cockroaches use trial and error, and ants circle around their colonies before entering to make sure no one is in danger. Garret Morgan created the fire hood and first traffic signal. Marshall "Major" Taylor was the first African American to win a cycling championship. AS I write this Rosa Parks, Mae Jamison and Alice Ball remain to be studied. I'm so proud of all of our students and how they have such a love of learning about new subjects.

100th Day of School February 23, 2021







Ms. Susan & Ms. Devin

February went by in the blink of an eye. The Stingrays had so much fun this month. We learned all about Punxsutawney Phil and how he determines if we'll have an early spring or six more weeks of winter. I'm sad to say six more weeks of winter is what Punxsutawney Phil predicted for us this year.

The Super Bowl LV was a fun unit for us. The Bucs vs. The Chiefs, the quarterbacks, and scoring were some of the topics of football we discussed. We also learned how to properly throw a spiral by placing four fingers on the laces and their thumb. The Stingrays threw some awesome spirals! We also predicted who would win The Lombardi Trophy. We made pretty Valentine bags for all of the Valentines we received from our friends. Our party was so much fun! We all discussed how Valentine's Day came be. We also sorted and graphed candy hearts all week.

The 100th Day of School was awesome to celebrate!! The kids looked like little old women and men. They were adorable!! We counted to 100 all week once we hit the 100th Day.

Teeth were a hot topic at the end of the month. The Stingrays now know how to take care of their teeth, all about a dental office visit, and not to be scared of the dentist.

The letters we learned were Rr, Ss, Tt, and Uu. We had Rice Krispy™ Treats for R, Skittles™ for S, Tangerines for T and Utz Potato Chips™ for U. Our sight words are rainbow, see, time and up.

We counted all the way to 100 and now we are starting to count by 10's. Our class sorted and graphed many things this month, and did simple addition problems too. We had a jammed packed, fun February! Now, on to The Luck of Irish Month!











Ms. Sandra, Ms. Beth, & Ms. Terry

February flew by in the Starfish classroom, and boy, we were busy! We started the month by learning about Groundhog Day. We sang our Mr. Groundhog song and read a book about the special day. The students made different shadows on the wall using their bodies, and we played a groundhog shadow matching game. Also, we learned that he saw his shadow and there will be six more weeks of winter. No one was excited about that prediction.

We moved into the second part of the week learning about how important dental health is to our bodies. The students sorted food into two groups; one that displayed foods that were healthy for our teeth and one that displayed foods that were unhealthy. We talked about the correct way to floss and brush our teeth, and the role of the dentist in promoting healthy teeth. The children made tooth fairies to display in the hallway, and we played Dental Health Bingo.

The lead up to our Valentine's Day party was exciting for the students. The children made love bugs to help decorate our door, made special cards for their parents, created V is for Valentines with hearts around the letter V, and decorated their bags for the party. We stacked and sorted conversation hearts by color, made valentine trucks out of sugar wafers and

pretzels, made heart shapes using Play-doh™, and traced the numerals 1-10 that were in heart shapes. Our party was a blast. All the students brought in Valentines for their friends and handed them out during Circle Time.























Dinosaurs were heard roaring throughout the Starfish class. We spent the last two weeks of February learning about different dinosaurs, what they ate, what types there were, and what possibly made them become extinct. Each day the students brought in their special collection of dinosaur books, toys, and games to share during Circle Time. We exploded a volcano and had dinosaurs walk through hot lava. The students were paleontologists when they discovered fossils in a bed of black bean dirt. One morning the students came in and all the dinosaurs were frozen in eggs. They used tools and spray bottles to help get them out. Dinosaur tracks were made with paint and dino toys, and the children made different types of dinosaurs using Play-doh™ mats. Colorful dinosaurs were made using paper plates, and the Starfish painted beautiful papers using watercolors and placed their favorite dinosaur silhouette on them. We danced to "We Are the Dinosaurs," and "Dinosaur Stomp."























We managed to introduce letters Q, V, L, and D, the numbers 11 and 12, and the heart shape. We continue to review our letters and numbers, and work on prewriting skills and scissor skills every day. We look forward to seeing what the month of March will bring to our amazing students.

Ms. Jojo & Ms. Patsy

We had a fantastic February in the Sea Turtles' class! We practiced the letters "Vv", "Dd", and "Qq". Our color this month was pink, and our number was "7". We added hearts to our shapes. The children sang "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes" and did the motions as well as the "Heart Song". Most students can spell the word "heart"! They also labeled head, shoulders, knees, and toes on either the boy or girl! We read <u>Ladybug's Lesson</u> and made ladybugs on leaves! We all enjoyed decorating bags for Valentine's Day, as well as making heart and glitter decorations. Thank you for everything that was sent in to school to fill the students' bags, and thank you again for the presents that were given to the teachers! We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity! The students decorated the letter "D" with stamps, stickers, and glitter. We also made toothbrushes and added floss to our project for Dental Health Month. The other books we read this month were <u>Footprints in the Snow, ABC Dentist, Boots Loses A Tooth</u>, and <u>The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?</u>. The students made ducks out of painted paper plates as a way to relate to the duck book. Thank you for all of your continued support. We look forward to another amazing month in March!









🛂 Ms. Dana

In February, the children enjoyed lots of movement activities during music class. We explored moving slowly while walking or sliding, and moving more quickly while hopping or skipping. We also practiced moving just one body part at a time such as our fingers, toes, or eyebrows:

Hickety, Pickety Bumble Bee, can you move your _____ with me?

"Pass the Pattern" is a fun game to play in a group. One person demonstrates a simple pattern such as two claps followed by tapping knees. Then each child in turn repeats the pattern, continuing around the circle. This improves their auditory and visual memory for both pattern and rhythm.

I use puppets to introduce the children to different "voices". Lambchop the Lamb explained "speaking voice". This is the voice we use most of the time. Lambchop asked each child "what is your name?". Everyone who

answered in speaking voice got to do a high five with Lambchop.

Speaking voice is the best. It is better than the rest!

Gigi Butterfly only uses "whisper voice". If a child answered her in a different voice, she would fly away.

Lulu Llama's favorite voice is 'singing voice". She loved hearing the children sing their names to her!

Gary Grizzly likes "shouting voice". Of course, I had to keep reminding him that we don't use "shouting voice" inside! Here's a link to a version of a fun song we learned in February:

Put your finger in the air

In the last verse of our version of this song, we put our hands together and clap for better weather!









Señora Mercedes

Hola! I am glad the dark "Febrero" is already over... we can almost see Spring around the corner! During this short month, your children have been working really hard on their projects.

The Sea Turtles continue with their number lessons, although the highlight of my time with them is always when they get to dance "Las Partes del Cuerpo." This silly song gives them directions of what body part they need to point at, and since it goes really fast, they get all excited and silly! It is actually a very popular song in all the groups, from the little ones to the kindergarteners.

The Starfish class is getting better and better at coloring their number books. The difficulty increases every week, and the harder it gets, the better they do! They are truly amazing! Besides working on their books, we still reserve some time for them to tell me what their favorite fruit is...in Spanish, of course, as well as practicing our animal song.



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The Sea Otters and the Stingrays are doing wonderfully on their books. I think you are going to be very pleased when you see the amazing job they are doing. They are becoming fluent in expressing their feelings in Spanish, and they sing along with the number song like natives!

The Dolphins are working on their food lesson, learning lots of vocabulary. They also enjoy some dancing and singing at the end of each lesson.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOg6y-Q59eM Las Partes del Cuerpo https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzhHrQbHZMA Los números



Coach Jess

February is here! This month we celebrated football, the Super Bowl, and Valentine's Day! We had lots of fun doing different football drills in the beginning of the month and Valentine's Day themed games and activities during the rest of the month! The older kids even learned how to jump rope. We spent time indoors and outdoors this month, so hopefully more sunshine will find us in March!

In Health, Coach Jess











JUNE DAZE KIDFIT CAMP!

(ALL GRADE LEVELS WELCOME!)

"Camp focuses on having fun and staying active with a variety of different games, themed activities and crafts throughout the week. KidFit knows the importance of physical activity and encourages everyone to participate in the fun!"

CAMP WILL BE HELD AT GREAT NECK PARK 2513 SHOREHAVEN DR. VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23454

For the Fridge...

| Date | Kids' Version | Event | Notes |
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| March 5 th Friday | Parent-teacher <mark>答告告告</mark> 答者者者 | Teacher Inservice Day | Liz Williams from Tidewater Speech Therapy will present to our staff. |
| March 17 th Wednesday | | St. Patrick's Day | Remember to wear your green! |
| March 30 th & 31 st Tuesday & Wednesday | 1 | Spring Pictures Days | EB Hall Studios will be at ASDS to take Spring Pictures |
| April 2 nd – April 11 th | SPRING BREAK | Spring Break | ASDS is CLOSED Enjoy a fun and safe Spring Break! |
| April 4 th Sunday | | Happy Easter! | Find lots of eggs! |
| April 12 th Monday | 32782782 | ASDS Re-Opens | Welcome back! |

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