



All Saints' Day School

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2021-2022 Registration is OPEN!



Our registration process for the next school year 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 instructional 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 three options:

- 1) Consider an additional year of Kindergarten to give your child an extra year of maturity.
- 2) Enroll 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.
- 3) Enroll your child in public or private school.

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

From the Director:

Thank you for Helping Us All Stay Well!



As we move into this final month of school, I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all of our families for being diligent all year and keeping our doors open! Your honesty and following all of the protocols we have had in place have helped us to get to this point. The teachers have done an awesome job of extra sanitizing to help keep us all well. Please keep it up so our last month together will be a success! As we get closer to a new school year, I will keep you updated on new or changing guidelines. The hope and tentative plan will be to resume our usual activities such as Parent Night, Meet the Teacher, and After School Enrichment Activities. I (like all of you) hope for some normalcy to be back in our lives by the end of the summer! I will keep you posted.

PATTCH Leaders Needed for the Fall:

Brooke Brooks has done an amazing job as leader of PATTCH during this crazy year, but unfortunately, she will be moving on when this school year ends. That means we need a couple of moms and/or dads to help lead this very important part of our school life. PATTCH stands for Parents and Teachers Together for Children, and the group helps organize fun events throughout the school year. With Covid we were unable to do most of our annual events but hopefully they will be able to resume in the fall. In the past, movie nights, bingo, and the Fall Festival have all been PATTCH-led events. So, while considering this leadership role, please know that it isn't grueling and won't take much of your time. Brooke would happily answer any questions regarding PATTCH and what it requires of a leader. Please reach out to her at bzemla912@gmail.com Thank you!





From the Classrooms



Ms. Cathy & Ms. Teresa

Spring has sprung in the Kindergarten. The weather is warm and we are enjoying more time outside. The kids love having snack time outside and playing on the labyrinth. We've also had a few dance parties under the magnolia tree.



Although we are outside, we are still sticking to our morning schedule. Every morning each child has one on one time reading with both Teresa and myself. The progress all the children have made in reading makes me smile. We also continue with our small group math lessons. I love this time of the year when everything just clicks. All the kids have shown so much growth both academically as well as socially.

In the kitchen, we finished the alphabet with zebra brownies, celebrated Earth Day with Earth Day cupcakes, and finished the month with strawberry shortcake. As usual, the children discussed and wrote about each recipe. Our cookbooks are almost complete and should be coming home in the next few weeks.



For Earth Day we reviewed our lessons on recycling, reusing, and reducing. Part of our celebration included planting flowers. We planted sunflowers, daisies, and zinnias. Some sprouts are poking through and we are hoping we can send home a plant with every child very soon.



I cannot believe we are nearing the end of the school year. With all the obstacles in their way this year, these kids have shone. I'm so thankful I get to spend my mornings with them for one more month.

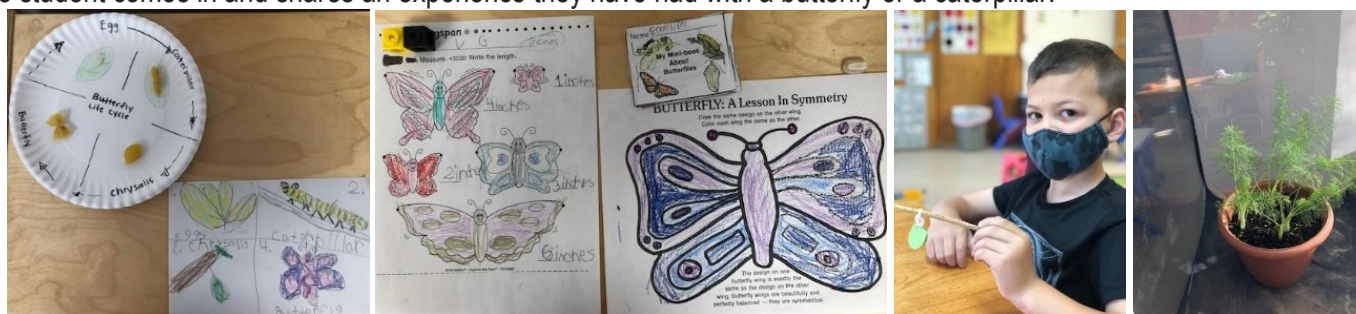


Ms. Parker & Ms. Drehoff

The Sea Otters have grown so much over the last month. We had a lot of fun with our "Egg-citing" Thursday before spring break... our entire day was based around eggs! We had matching eggs with the correct numbers, match the upper and lower case letters on eggs, word family eggs, and just to top it off, we had an Easter egg hunt!



We all enjoyed our spring break and came back ready to learn. The Sea Otters focused our attention on the butterfly life cycle. We currently have a fennel plant in our room and we have been observing our butterfly egg hatch into the tiniest caterpillar they had ever seen. One caterpillar was named Bert and the other was named Sprinkle. During butterfly week they learned about symmetry. They designed their own personal butterfly using paint and colored pencils. They created a caterpillar by dipping a balloon in paint and also made a chrysalis hanging from a stick they found outside. We learned how to use a ruler and measured the wing spans of different butterflies. I love their enthusiasm for this unit., Every day at least one student comes in and shares an experience they have had with a butterfly or a caterpillar.





We moved on to learn about the life cycle of the frog. We read books and learned many interesting facts about the transition from tadpoles to frog. Did you know that Bull frog tadpoles can be as big as a small banana? And did you know it may take a tadpole 2-3 years it changes into a frog? The Sea Otters discovered all the different parts of the frog and their habitat. They drew and labeled pictures of the life cycle as well as painting egg carton sections to show the different stages of the cycle.



This week we have been focus our energy on our Moms; creating special gifts that they will treasure forever! Our language arts focus has been on beginning and ending sounds, diagraphs (a combination of two letters that make a single sound, as in the "ph" in "phone."), and word families. We look forward to our last month together!



Ms. Susan & Ms. Devin

Spring Time is in the air! The Stingray's made colorful flowers with fork tines. We have learned all about rainbows and how they develop with their beautiful colors. We celebrated Easter with cupcakes and a cookie party and ending it with a fun Easter Egg Hunt! The Stingrays did an experiment by putting 1 peep in a cup of Coke, a cup of water, and a cup of oil. The Coke Peep turned black, the water Peep faded in color to a whitish yellow, and the oil Peep turned into a brighter yellow color. Should we be eating Peeps?

Earth Day was a big part of April! Celebrating Earth Day included a great discussion about taking care of our Earth. Our students created a beautiful Earth surrounded by space, stars, comets, and other planets. We had a lively discussion about recycling and why it's important. We also talked about how we need to pick up trash, not only for the protection of the animals, but for the bay and ocean too. Our Stingrays learned how trash goes into our sewers, goes out into the water, then marine life eats it and becomes sick. When humans eat the marine life we can become sick. Our homework was to go out into their neighborhood to pick up 1 piece of trash. That turned into a wonderful activity, not only for the kids, but for the Earth. Every student filled bags with bags of trash! We were so excited!

We finished up our letters and sounds for the year with the letter Zz. Our Zz sight word was zoo. The treat for Zz was a Z Bar. It was yummy! In math, we have mastered counting by 10's and working on counting by 5's. April was a fun month for us. We are looking forward to a May filled with sunshine and fun outdoor activities!!





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

April was a short month since we had Spring Break, but Starfish students were able to pack a lot of learning into three short weeks. We started off the month learning about the parts of a plant and the life cycle of a plant. The students learned about the roots, stem, leaves, and flower. The children planted sunflower seeds and watched them sprout. They learned that plants need water, dirt, and sun to grow. We saw how important wind is in the life cycle since it helps scatter the seeds. Outside we saw dandelions that had turned to seeds and helped scatter them by blowing on the flower. We made a plant using construction paper and yarn showing the parts of the plant.



The second week of April, we learned about how important farms are to us. We talked about farm animals, fruits, and vegetables that are grown on a farm, and what keeps a farm able to survive. We discussed the names of different types of farms. They learned that apples grow in an orchard, grapes in a vineyard, and oranges in a grove. The children brought in their favorite farmyard animal and favorite fruit or vegetable to share with the class. Starfish students are willing to try all types of fruits and vegetables. We read, I Know a Wee Piggy! This book is about a pig that goes to the state fair and runs into all different colors. Blue is at the end because he won a blue ribbon. The children created a process art project using paint, shaving cream, and a cut out of a pig to recreate their favorite page in the book.



The last week of the month we learned about insects. The children learned that insects have six legs. We created a "stained-glass" dragonfly using tissue paper, glue and cardstock. We went on a bug hunt and found ladybugs, ants, beetles, butterflies, dragonflies, and a lot of caterpillars that one day will turn into butterflies and moths. We played insect bingo, and read many books about insects and bugs and marched to, "The Ants Go Marching."

Throughout our short month, we continued to review the letters of the alphabet, traced the letters in the names of our students, worked with math skills and pattern making, and worked on fine motor skills through Play-doh™ play and cutting with scissors.



We only have one more month of school, but we are looking forward to seeing our Starfish students continue to grow socially, emotionally, and academically.





Ms. Jojo & Ms. Patsy

I hope everybody had a wonderful Spring Break! The students were happy when they returned to school on April 12! It has been another exciting month for the Sea Turtles. Our letters this month were "Ee", "Oo", and "Rr". We focused on Earth and ocean life. The books that we read to support our topics were Fish Wish, Under the Sea, Somewhere in the Ocean, and The Earth and Sky. The students colored and counted the eight legs on an octopus. They also made Earth scenes in honor of Earth Day. They students loved making sea turtles using plates because they could relate to the connection that sea turtles are our mascot! Our color this month was purple, our shape was the diamond, and our number was "9". Some of the students realized that a "9" is an upside down "6"! Most of the students learned this month's songs very quickly! I am super proud of them! We also had a successful Easter egg hunt! The children collected eggs and put them into the bags that they had decorated. A huge thank you to the parents who donated treat filled eggs for our children! We also read Ollie's Eggs, Look! Peter Rabbit, and Bunny's Garden. The students turned paper plates into bunnies, made bear magnets, and used the letter "R" to make raindrops and clouds. Our sea turtles' faces look cute on the spring flowers that we also created. I can't believe we only have one more month of school. I look forward to another awesome month of May!



Ms. Dana

During the month of April, we had fun playing some new games during Music class. First, while seated in a circle, we talked about different ways to move: walking, crawling, galloping, skipping, etc. Next we learned a song:

*Circle, circle, round the circle
Show me the way I do not know
Circle, circle round the circle
Show me the way to go.*

To play the game, a child walks around the circle while we sing the song. When the song ends, that child chooses another child and the first child has to copy how the second child moves. Then the first child sits down and the game continues until everyone has had a turn.

The Sea Otter and Dolphin classes enjoyed "Mirrors". For this activity we worked in pairs. One child was the leader and the other child was the mirror. The leader had to move slowly so the mirror could follow.

Using scarves or ribbons, we practiced listening skills. The children had to listen carefully and move their scarves according to what the music sounded like. Some of the examples were fast and some were slow. Here are links to some of the pieces:

[Offenbach Can-Can](#)

[Ravel Mother Goose Suite](#)

Following a beat is an important musical skill. To practice, I tapped sticks to keep a steady beat while we walked and sang:

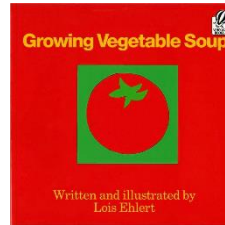
Will you come and walk with me

*Walk with me, walk with me?
Will you come and walk with me
All around the room?*

The children had to follow as I changed my taps from fast to slow and back again.

After reading the book Growing Vegetable Soup by Lois Ehlert, we practiced keeping a steady beat while reciting this chant:

*Let's plant a garden and watch it grow.
What should we do? Do you know?
Plant some seeds. Pull up all the weeds.
Watch the sun shine. Wait for showers.
Soon we can look at all the flowers!*



Señora Mercedes

¡Hola, familias! I hope you had a fantastic Easter and Spring Break. The month of April has been short for us since I have only seen your children three times. The Sea Turtles finally finished their number lessons and we are now working on our Farm Animal lesson. They loved the purple cow last week! I promise the rest of our animals will have more realistic colors! We have added a new video to our repertoire about farm animals, and they absolutely love it! We still practice our colors and numbers each class. The Starfish class finally finished their amazing Number Book. They did such a fantastic job, and I am sure you are as proud of them as I am. We just started a new book about farm animals, and they are doing really well learning some new vocabulary. We have continued practicing our fruits and our numbers all the way to 20. They love to sing along the number video and the two new videos about farm animals. The Sea Otters and the Stingrays completed their Number Book and they did an amazing job, as well. They put a lot of effort into them and it really showed. This week they will start learning about the days of the week in Spanish, with new worksheets and videos. The Dolphins finished their lesson about the body and we just started a new lesson about animals. They started watching a video of numbers all the way to 50! Thank you, as always, for your amazing children. ¡Gracias!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwYckV5hLjI> Farm animals song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5aibKRLz0o> Farm animals vocabulary



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7mm8MC1MgY> Days of the week song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUvyhStbFy8> Numbers 1-50





Coach Jess

Welcome back from Spring Break and Easter!

I hope everybody enjoyed their time off. This month we focused on America's favorite game; baseball! We learned how to run the bases, field a line drive, and worked on our throwing and catching. We reviewed our "warmup" exercises in week 2, which include basics like jumping jacks, high knees, etc. We also had fun with some Earth Day activities and games! We did an Earth Day scavenger hunt all over the back gardens. I truly enjoy playing with and seeing your kiddos every Tuesday morning! Make sure to check out my KidFit June Daze!

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!"

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Three Sessions Available: 9am to Noon

Week One: June 1st - June 4th
Week Two: June 6th - June 11th
Week Three: June 13th - June 18th
Tuesday to Friday - coinciding with the VBPS schedule

\$150/week
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Children will need to bring lunch and a water bottle.

Children must be potty trained.
Limited spots available!

TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:
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For the Fridge...

Date	Kids' Version	Event	Notes
May 3 rd - 7 th Monday - Friday	Unfortunately 	Teacher Appreciation Week	Watch for information from PATTCH
May 9 th Sunday		Happy Mother's Day!	Give Mom a special hug!
Unfortunately, with COVID Restrictions, we will be unable to have our usual End-of-The-Year Celebration on Wednesday, May 26 th . Instead, we will be having Class Celebrations on our official Last Day of School, May 29 th . Look for more information as the day approaches.			
May 28 th Friday		Last Day of School!	We did it! And we did it safely!
3 Sessions beginning June 1 st	Coach Jess	June DAZE with Coach Jess of Kid Fit	Questions re: registration or programming? JessFitVB@gmail.com

