



# 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

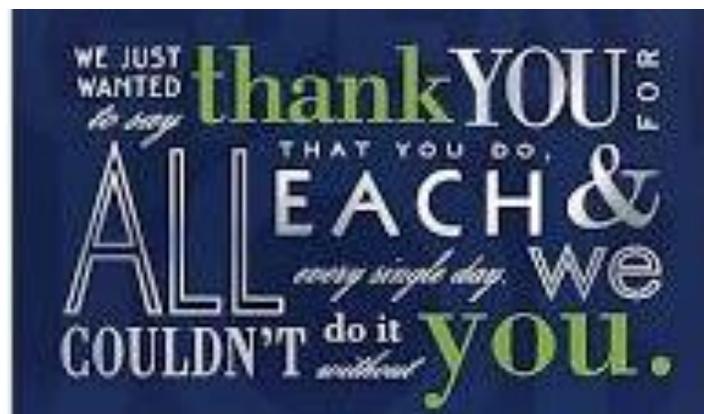
For those of you who will have children who are age-eligible for Kindergarten (five by September 30, 2021), you have three options:

- 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.

## 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](mailto:bzemla912@gmail.com) Thank you!





# From the Classrooms



## Ms. Cathy & Ms. Teresa

Well, we made it! Despite of all the obstacles placed in their way, these little Kindergarteners made it. They have all grown so much and are ready for the challenges that face them in the Fall. I am proud of how much each child has matured academically, socially, and emotionally this year.

In May we focused on our moms. We sent postcards home, wrote books, and made our own pictures frames from puzzles pieces; all dedicated to Mom.

We also had some classroom visitors. Our class hosted ten painted lady caterpillars. We watched each caterpillar form a chrysalis. We then waited and watched as each chrysalis opened to expose newly formed butterflies. The children were all quite excited to free the butterflies into our school garden.

Our school garden also got ready for the summer. Mrs. Maury Joy came to school and helped the children plant peppers, tomatoes, and strawberries. She also explained to the children about each plant, how to place them in the ground properly, and gave them the job of watering the garden every morning. Mrs. Joy also discussed the importance of pollinators. She helped the children plant marigolds in the garden to attract bees to pollinate our vegetables.

The weather this month has been lovely. We have taken advantage of our playground and beautiful "back yard". We have had Fun Fridays that usually involve bubbles, popsicles and dance parties. They will all know all of the moves to YMCA at the next family wedding.

It seems so cliché to say but true nonetheless, this year has just flown by. We have had an incredible year. I have grown fond of every child in the Kindergarten. I know they are all moving on from All Saints', and they will all be missed.





### **Ms. Parker & Ms. Drehoff**

We started May by celebrating Moms. They bring such joy to our hearts and do so much for us! We made special canvases for them that the children painted. We answered questions about our moms and even made portraits of them.

The second and third weeks, we moved into studying the ocean; focusing on coral reefs, sharks and fish. The Sea Otters painted coral reefs with sponges of all colors. We found out that the reefs are losing their colors because of pollution which led us into a discussion about how we can help our own ocean right here by us.

We have learned many shark facts. Did you know there are over 1,000 different species of sharks? They have a lifespan from 25 years up to almost 100 years. Our students really enjoyed bringing in books and adding to our conversation daily. Our final week of school we focused on a class favorite: DINOSAURS! We were creative with our crafts, making dinosaur prints from walking our dinosaurs through paint, making spikes with our hand prints, and also using shapes to create dinosaurs. Some vocabulary words we used were carnivore (meat eaters) and herbivore (plant eaters).

During this busy month Maury Joy taught our children how to plant vegetables by “using your diggers to make the hole, then tickling your plant’s roots before placing it into the hole, and covering it back up.” We make sure to get our water from the rain container and water them daily. The Sea Otters talk to their plants daily and have watched them grow.

One of our final accomplishments this year’s was for all the of children to learn about money. We taught them songs to identify each coin and know it’s worth. They now know who the presidents are as well as the symbols on the back and how they represent our country!

It has been an amazing year being a Sea Otter and I’m sad I’m leaving. I wish everyone the best of luck and hope our paths cross in the future!



## Ms. Susan & Ms. Devin

May has flown by!! The Stingrays have reviewed all of their letters and their sounds, their sight words, counting by 5's, and simple addition/subtraction problems. They have begun working on writing their last names, too!!

We discussed all about plants; different types of plants and flowers, and the different stages of growth – from seeds to beautiful flowers. We also learned what plants need to grow into flowers. The Stingrays had so much fun planting their seeds of sunflowers. We put them in the sun and watered them until we sent them home.

The students really enjoyed making their mummies their Mother's Day gifts. They loved planting the sunflower seeds in their planters. Taking their pictures, and putting extra glitter and water in their snow-globes was a blast!

Since it's been so pretty outdoors, we have been doing picnics outside for snack time. We all have enjoyed that. Sometimes we even did centers outside!!

I can't express how much Teacher Devin and I have enjoyed working your children this year!! They were eager to learn and had such fun while they were learning! We laughed with them so much this year. We all know that we needed fun and laughter in this crazy time in our lives. We will miss them so much.

A big thank you to all of our parents for all your support for Devin and myself!! Don't be a stranger if you see us out and about, stop and say hello! Have a great summer!!



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

Starfish students were busy during the month of May making Mother's Day gifts, learning about ocean animals and summer/sun/and beach safety.

We started the month reading books about how important mothers are. Our class's favorite was, Are You My Mother? The children made colorful glass vases that looked like stained glass using tissue paper and glue. We traced each child's handprint and cut out multiple prints to make a flower to go in each vase. We also made handprint potholders for our moms.

Since we live by the bay and ocean, we spent the next week learning about animals that live in the ocean, deep sea, and ones that live near the shore. Octopuses and sea horses were their favorites. We discussed dangerous sea animals and ones that would bring no harm to them. The students made a jellyfish craft using paper plates, paint and pipe cleaners. We moved on to learning about summer safety. We talked about the importance of wearing sunscreen and reapplying it throughout the day when you are outside. They learned about swimming safety, and how important it is to wear a life jacket or floaties at the beach or pool. Bug spray was another topic of safety. Starfish students are ready to be safe this summer after completing this unit.

The children really had a blast playing in God's Garden throughout the month. Many snacks were eaten at the picnic tables. We definitely got plenty of fresh air this month.

Our school year has come to an end, and the Starfish teachers are sad to see the students move on to other classes, but we are happy knowing that they are prepared for their next school year journey.





## Ms. Jojo & Ms. Patsy

As I write this, I am reflecting upon the progress and growth of all the students in our class. I am so proud of each and every student! Thank you, parents, for sending your child to us this year. We are truly blessed. Thank you again for everything that you did for us for Teacher Appreciation Week. It was a wonderful! You truly made us feel loved and appreciated! ☺ May was such an exciting and busy month. Making such wonderful memories is truly a meaningful experience. Our focus this month was reviewing: letters, numbers, colors, shapes, and counting to ten or higher. Our song was "Summer Jive". Warning: once you get our songs in your head, they stay there for quite a while. We hope you enjoyed the flower pictures and handprints for Mother's Day!

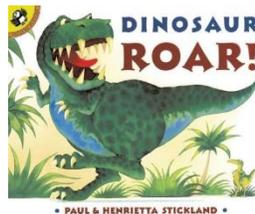
Also, this month, we read, It's Spring. We also read On the Farm and How Zebras Got Their Stripes. The students enjoyed making zebras out of the letter "Z" child/children are evident. Whatever your journey is for next year, I wish you all the very best! Please have a fantastic summer and enjoy your babies...as you already know, they grow up WAY too fast!



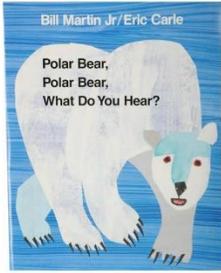
## Ms. Dana

Early in May we read the book Dinosaur Roar by Paul and Henrietta Stickland. We talked about how dinosaurs might have moved and what they might have sounded like. Then we learned a Dinosaur song:

*Dinosaur, Dinosaur turn around.  
Dinosaur, Dinosaur, touch the ground.  
Dinosaur, Dinosaur, show your claws.  
Dinosaur, Dinosaur, snap your jaws.  
Dinosaur, dinosaur, turn around.  
Dinosaur, Dinosaur, sit back down!*



We also had fun dancing to a song about dinosaurs by Koo Koo Kangaroo: [Dinosaur Stomp](#)



Later in the month, we read Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear? by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle.

After we read the story, we listened to recordings of the sounds that the animals make. Then we pretended to move like the animals.

The Stingray, Sea Otter, and Dolphin classes enjoyed playing the game "I like coffee". First we talked about different ways to move while staying in one place. Some examples are hopping up and down, jumping jacks, moving your arms in a circle, and nodding your head. Next we sat in a circle and recited the rhyme:

*I like coffee, I like tea.*

*I'd like \_\_\_\_\_ to copy me!*

Each child got a chance to stand in the center of the circle and pick someone to copy their movements.



It has been a delight to share music with your wonderful children this year. Enjoy the summer break!

## Señora Mercedes

¡Hola familias! Well, we blinked and the school year went by! It has been an amazing first year for me at ASDS, and I feel blessed to have known your children! I had a great time and I hope they did too, while learning some Spanish! We wrapped up the year with the Sea Turtles learning about farm animals and enjoying the farm animal video and the number songs. They sure love dancing! The Starfish class did really well on their book about farm animals and loved the video that went with the lesson. We continued practicing our fruits and our numbers all the way to 20. The Sea Otters and the Stingrays learned about the days of the week in Spanish, with new worksheets and videos. The Dolphins finished their lesson about animals and enjoyed a new video about wild animals. They continued to enjoy the video of crazy numbers going all the way to 50! Thank you again for an amazing year and hope to see your children again after summer! ¡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=v7mm8MC1MqY> Days of the week song



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



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVp6eaR5kRQ&t=44s> Wild animals vocabulary



**Coach Jess**

Happy May the 4th be with you, Cinco De Mayo, Mother's Day and End-of-the-School-Year!

We've had a great month and ended the school year with lots of sun and fun! Kicked off the month with a bang with a special Star Wars theme class. On May 4th, we had light saber fights and galaxy games. We celebrated Mother's Day and picked flowers for our moms. We played with my giant frisbee, sidewalk chalk, and bubbles! We also had target practice with our balls and practiced jumping rope.

I have wholeheartedly enjoyed being with your children every Tuesday morning! I hope to see them in my camps this summer and most definitely will be back in the fall as their PE teacher and as an enrichment program instructor once again! We made it through a difficult year, and I am so happy to see the light at the end of the tunnel! Have a safe, happy, and healthy summer! Keep the kids moving and tell them Coach Jess will see them soon!

In Health, Jess Glenn [JessFitVb@gmail.com](mailto:JessFitVb@gmail.com)





## For the Fridge...

Date	Kids' Version	Event	Notes
May 28 <sup>th</sup> Friday		Last Day of School!	<b>We did it!</b> <b>And we did it safely!</b>
3 Sessions beginning June 1 <sup>st</sup>	 Coach Jess	June DAZE with Coach Jess of Kid Fit	Questions re: registration or programming? <a href="mailto:JessFitVB@gmail.com">JessFitVB@gmail.com</a>
June 14 <sup>th</sup> Monday		<b>FLAG DAY</b>	It's a day to fly your flag!
June 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		Happy Father's Day, Dad!	<b>Let Dad know how much you love him!</b>

# Last Day of School Celebration

May 28, 2021

