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Students and Teachers Always Reaching for Success

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ACA's Food Drive

ACA is conducting a non-perishable food drive to benefit Catholic Charities presently. Please bring in food items and give them to advisors or classroom teachers; each Advisory/Classroom has a collection box. These items will be collected up until Thanksgiving break – but on Nov. 18th, some of our 6th grade students will be going to Catholic Charities for Service Day and we will send as much food as we can to Catholic Charities with them. Please send in as much as possible before then.

Here are some suggested items from Catholic Charities, items that they are most in need of:

- Dry powdered milk
- Peanut butter
- Rice
- Cereal
- Canned soups
- Mac & cheese
- Canned pasta (Spaghetti's, Chef-Boyardee, etc...)
- Canned pasta sauce
- Canned meat (tuna, chicken, ham, etc...)
- Dry pasta noodles

Then, secondary needs would include:

- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Pork and beans
- Baby Food, Stages 1, 2 and 3
- Dry Soup (Ramen or boxed soups)
- Non-cooking/non-refrigerated foods (pop top, easy open items...)

Thank you for participating!

Send Your Teacher Packing!

Time to get those Box tops for Education turned in again! The H & S Board is excited to once again be kicking off the Send Your Teachers Packing program! Please send in those box tops beginning Monday and continuing thru January 22, 2010. For every 10 box tops your teacher turns in she/he will have a raffle ticket entered into a drawing for a weekend beach getaway! The winners will be announced during Catholic Schools Week. There will be a winner for K-2, 3-5, and middle school. Good luck, teachers!



Fall Musical – Celebrate You and Me

Save the date. Don't miss the 4th grade musical Celebrate You and Me on November 19th at 7pm in the Cafetorium. Admission is free. Donations requested for the Dominican Republic – Adult sized heavy duty rain ponchos. Celebrate You and Me - Helping students build self-esteem and appreciate diversity through music.

Quill Corner

A poem called *What's a Hug Without a Kiss?* by Katarina Cirillo, 7B

- What's a dog without a cat?
- What's a man without a hat?
- What's a princess without a prince?
- What's a question without its hint?
- What's a kite without a string?
- What's a box without a spring?
- What's a train without a track?
- What's a knick without a knack?
- What's a girl without a bow?
- What's a buck without a doe?

- What's an egg without a shell?
- What's a church without a bell?
- What's serenity without its bliss?
- What's a hug without a kiss?
- What's an outlet without a plug?
- What's goodbye without a hug?
- What's a singer without a voice?
- What's a free man without a choice?

Plan Ahead and Save Using SCRIP

With the holidays approaching... think of SCRIP when preparing for those big family dinners. New gift cards on hand: Winn Dixie, Bed, Bath and Beyond and iTunes. Do you like to do your Holiday shopping early? Shop the SCRIP retail list first to make the most of your holiday spending. There's something for everyone on your list - convenient SCRIP hours every Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Want to know more about SCRIP.....stop by the upstairs workroom and see what the buzz is all about! **Shop with SCRIP now.... and pay less tuition later!**

Gold Stars:

★ Gold Stars to **Fifth Grade** for graduating from the DARE program! Remember the information you've learned in your DARE lessons. We are so proud of you all.

Reading Fluency

When Eric reads, he instantly recognizes most words. He reads sentences smoothly, understands what's happening in the story, and has good expression.

Eric is a *fluent* reader – his reading sounds like speech. Here are some ways to help your youngster read fluently.



Be a role model. When you read to your child, have him/her read along with you. Don't be surprised if he/she tries to match his/her voice to yours. You can also alternate paragraphs or pages, or take turns reading for different characters.

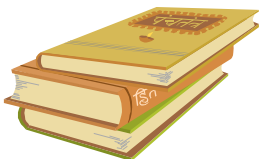
Choose the right book. Your youngster should recognize most of the words (one or two unfamiliar words per page are okay – that will keep her/him challenged). If she/he's having trouble reading smoothly, try picking an easier book.

Use expression. Punctuation marks are clues that tell us how to read something. Encourage your child to sound excited when he/she sees an exclamation point, and make his/her voice go up for a question mark. Teach him/her to pause briefly at a comma and slightly longer at a period.

Check for understanding. If your youngster doesn't understand the book, she/he will sound choppy. And if she/he's reading one word at a time, she/he'll have a tough time following the plot. As she/he reads, ask her/him questions to make sure she/he understands the story.

Book Picks – Read-Aloud Favorites

- *On the Night You Were Born* – Animals dance, the moon plays a saxophone, and stars shine to celebrate a baby's birth in Nancy Tillman's beautiful story. The book's poetic language and warm message – that each child is unique – make it perfect for reading aloud.
- *Pinkalicious* – A little girl eats so many pink cupcakes that she turns pink. Her doctor's cure? Green foods! When too many treats finally turn her pink skin red, Pinkalicious takes his advice and devours Brussels sprouts and grapes until she's back to normal. A funny story by Elizabeth Kann.
- *No One Saw* – Bob Raczka shows readers how artists see ordinary things in unusual ways. He explains, "No one saw flowers like Georgia O'Keeffe" and "No one saw music like Marc Chagall." The book also introduces youngsters to the work of René Magritte, Joan Miro, and other 20th-century painters.
- *Abuelita Full of Life* – When his grandmother moves in, José struggles with a few changes. She sleeps in his room, speaks Spanish, and cooks new dishes. But José soon realizes she has a lot to share, too. A bilingual story by Amy Costales about appreciating family and accepting differences.



Calendar

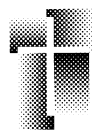
- November 17:** Mass Day 8:30 am Parents Welcome
- November 18:** Middle School Outreach/ Conferences/ Career Day
Principal's coffee 3rd-5th @ 8:05am in Cafetorium
- November 25-27:** Thanksgiving Holiday – **No School**
- December 1:** Mass Day 8:30 am Parents Welcome
- December 2:** Principal's Social 6pm in Cafetorium
- December 8:** Mass Day 8:30 am Parents Welcome
- December 10:** Winter Band Concert 7pm in Cafetorium
- December 15:** Mass Day 8:30 am Parents Welcome
- December 18:** End of 2nd Quarter
- December 21-January 3:** **Christmas Break**
- January 4:** **Classes Resume**
- January 5:** Mass Day 8:30 am Parents Welcome
- January 7:** Report Cards Distributed
- January 14:** Family Math Night K-2 6:30-7:30
- January 18:** Martin Luther King Day – **No School**
- January 19:** Mass Day 8:30 am Parents Welcome

Read-Aloud Enjoyment

Some of the best times with your child may be when you share a story. Get the most out of reading aloud with these three easy tips:



1. Hold the book so your youngster can see the words and pictures while you're reading. Run your finger under the text, or point to interesting things in the illustrations.
2. Take your time and don't rush the story. Your child can tell if you're in a hurry. Reading slowly will help you read clearly – and give you and your youngster more time together.
3. Don't be afraid to stop reading a book if your child doesn't seem interested. Have a backup selection ready so read-aloud can continue.



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