

Classroom Happenings

St. Ludmila Center

May 20, 2010

Art: 3rd and 4th grade are working on Art History, they learned about Grant Wood and Marvin Cone, two of our famous Iowa artists. 3rd grade will draw an American Gothic picture and do a scratch art project. 4th graders have just completed a stained glass project and will try to create a landscape in Grant Wood's style. 4th grade has also learned about Vincent VanGogh and his use of brush strokes to create paintings.

Climate Committee: In March volunteers from the Climate Committee put lots of time (including some recesses) into practicing and presenting the Stations of the Cross for the rest of the St. Ludmila student body. The Climate Committee met in April as part of Earth Day and had a Clean Up Day. They cleaned the entire area around the school, church, and playground.

Computer: 3rd grade is working on a poetry unit and then will be working in paint and draw - refreshing skills they learned at the beginning of the year. 4th grade is working on a spreadsheet unit. They also will be working in paint and draw to refresh skills they learned at the beginning of the year, as well as keyboarding.

ELP: Third grade Math ELP worked on a marble activity timing and graphing changes in speed related to change in angle of the track. They are now working on creating "Green" Aliens made from recycled materials and covered with facts about recycling. The Language Arts group is working on writing and publishing a school newspaper.

The fourth grade Math ELP dissected owl pellets and reconstructed and labeled a rodent skeleton with the bones they recovered. They are now working on map skills by using a life-size outline of themselves to create an island, which must have many geographical and math features. The Language Arts group wrote and recorded songs (and presented some to their class) to help teach the names and functions of the bones in the human skeleton. They are now taking photographs of shapes in our environment to spell out their names and writing accompanying paragraphs telling about themselves.

Media Center: The fourth grade classes have worked on atlas and map skills, diagrams, taking notes, dictionary, and also played Library Lingo. The third grade classes have worked on taking notes, timelines, diagrams, posters, Thesaurus, newspaper, and also played Library Lingo. Both grades will complete the skills from their reading series in May and will finish out the year playing some library skill games.

Music: Third graders had their final Service Learning trip to care centers where they performed four songs. Third graders have been cantoring for our school liturgies. Fourth graders performed on their recorders at three school liturgies. Both grades are currently doing the keyboard unit. Fourth graders will try band instruments at the end of the year.

Physical Education: Both grades have finished our unit in dance and tumbling. We are now working on our unit on Centers. Next we will play a game called "Treasure Hunt" in the dark. Then we will have time to do our spring fitness test and practice for Track Day, as it is coming up fast.

Health: In both classes we have included learning about diabetes and completed a Go the Distance Day diabetic awareness walk.