

# K4B February 3<sup>rd</sup> Newsletter

## This Week's Activities



**Math:** This week we worked on counting by 1's to 20, exercised while counting by 1's to 100 and counted by 10's. We ordered numbers 0-20 and played a few games of bingo to practice the numbers 0-20. We will be learning the teen numbers next. The Saxon math does not spend a great deal of time with the teen numbers. It would be helpful for scholars to get extra practice at home identifying the numbers, ordering the numbers and showing the value of the numbers 11-20. The scholars were introduced to a balance or scale. They identified what the scale looks like when it is balanced, both sides weigh the same. We also identified when something is heavier. We did some "What weighs more?" activities.

**Social Studies:** Scholars continue to identify community helpers. We talked about our wonderful priests here at CEE! We also collected food as our school service project for River West Food Bank.

**Science:** The scholars continued to explore water. This week we explored frozen ice crystals, otherwise known as snow. We had a small amount of snow to explore, however most of it melted in the sensory table. Great way to see that when snow melts it returns to its liquid state of water!

**Reading:** Our reading goal was to help scholars engage in group reading activities by using the poem/song **Chubby Little Snowman**. We identified the sight words, **a** and **little**. We also began learning about combining sounds to make words. Our first word family is -an. We sounded out the a and n, to read an. Then we identified a word that ended in -an, man (snowman). We practiced rhyming to find a word in the -an family, like fan. We also practiced using the alphabet to add a letter to the -an ending and sounding out the word. C-an, can-is that a word? Yes! Does is rhyme with man and fan? Yes! Is it part of the -an word family? Yes!! G-an, is that a word? No, not a word that we can define. (It is a rhyming word but not a word that we could use in a sentence).

Another reading goal was to identify similarities and differences in books about the same topic. We used the book *The Snowman*  
**Reading/Language/Writing/Art:** Scholars practiced reading and writing the letters E and F, identified words that began with E and F and worked on their dictionary page.

## Blue Star Scholars

We were fortunate to have one blue star scholar this week!  
Congratulations to Aubree for earning 8 blue dots for blue star  
behavior! Way to go blue!

## Thanks for a great Catholic School Week!

Scholars had a great week full of activities! I hope to add photos of  
your scholars to a photo album this weekend. Keep your eyes out for  
an email letting you know it's ready!

## Papers coming home this week

- \***Cubby Little Snowman and Snow Pal Song**- some great activities to do  
with your scholar to review what they learned the past two weeks!
- \***Letter picture sheets- This week the letters were G and H.**
- \***Religion:** Prayer Balloons and Lesson 15 from Alleu.
- \***Scholastic Magazines-** *Winter is Snow Fun!* and *Snow Baby*. Now that  
we are beginning to recognize sight words, punctuation and repeating  
words please use the magazines to ask your scholar to find these things  
in the magazines. Also have your scholar read to you using their  
reading finger. Encourage them to sound out words or use picture  
clues to guess at unknown words.

**Thank you for a fun week celebrating Catholic Schools Week! Mrs. Bauer**