



**Noonan Academy
Kindergarten News
March 2010**



Virtue: Justice

Proverb: Excellence is not an act but a habit.

Vocabulary:

kaleidoscope – a constantly changing pattern

negotiate – to talk over and arrange terms

Religion: Virtue: Fortitude

Proverb: When the going gets tough the tough get going.

Saint: St. Patrick

Scripture: God is charity; and he that abideth in charity abideth in God, and God in him (1 John 4:16)

I am pleased to introduce myself as your child's new religion teacher. I am a Lector, Catechist and Eucharistic Minister at Blessed Pope John XXIII. It gives me great pleasure to assist Dr. Noonan as she was kind enough to allow my beloved parish to begin in her gym eight years ago. I completed my undergraduate studies at Saint. Thomas Aquinas College and minored in secondary education. While living in New York I had my 7-12th certification to teach history. I also earned my graduate degree from Fordham University in Social Work. I look forward teaching my faith and to getting to know your children.

God Bless, Mrs. Millan LMSW

Character Education: This month we will be talking about cooperation and working together. We will discuss how we can work together in teams to accomplish tasks.
Mrs. McDonald

Phonics: The students learned the combination “qu” /kw/ sound. We will move onto compound words and long vowels this month. The sight words introduced this month are “what” and “my”.

Reading: The students are doing a wonderful job of reading the stories in the reading series! They love finding out which book they are getting next. They are sounding out words they don't know from sight – which is great! I am enjoying listening to them read with expression.
Mrs. McDonald

Handwriting: We started March with writing “Qq”. A review of all the letters is next in the handwriting book. We will then move onto using our sight words to practice handwriting.
Mrs. McDonald

Math: We will finish Chapter 6 by reviewing and having an assessment. We will then review Chapters 1-6 before moving on to Chapter 7 – Addition. The students will begin addition by joining 1, then 2, then 3..... We will then move on to vertical addition and number sentences.
Mrs. McDonald

Science: We have just started the Unit on “Weather”. We will discuss weather words and daily weather in SW Florida. The students will read the weather vocabulary readers: Weather, Tornadoes!, Blizzards!, Hurricanes!, Floods!, and Lightning!.
Mrs. McDonald

Social Studies: We started the Unit on “Getting Along Together”. We will learn about and discuss: flags, safety, laws, constitution, citizenship, voting, leaders, and symbols.
Mrs. McDonald

Art: Students are working on graphic design projects this month. We'll pay close attention to shape, line, balance, and organization.
Mrs. Schroeder

Music: Everyone is getting revved up for the Spring Musical! We'll be practicing lines, dancing and singing in class this month. All students should be practicing their lines with parents at home.
Mrs. Schroeder

Spanish: We are enjoying the unit on foods. We have learned some *frutas* (fruits), a few *legumbre* (vegetables), and will soon learn *las carnes* (meat) as well as other foods. We will be making a food collage labeling all the foods we cut out from magazines in Spanish. We will also enjoy a picnic outside to review some of the foods that we've learned.
Mrs. Piper

PE: We had a blast in PE! We are enjoying the nice weather and playing games outside. We are learning how to play Kick Ball. Everyone enjoyed it! We played with the bean bags and also played Duck, Duck, Goose. It was very interesting and fun to learn a few Yoga exercises. Mrs. Adrianna came to show us how to do them.
Mrs. Piper

***IMPORTANT NOTES:**

Stanford Achievement Testing – March 22-26