

## Classroom News.....

#### **Kids Fitness Day**

St. Agnes 3<sup>rd</sup> graders enjoyed the Kids Fitness & Nutrition Day fieldtrip held on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by Panhandle Public Health, this annual event teaches the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

The students enjoyed the interactive day of nutrition and physical activity stations that kept them engaged and active while learning important information about healthy eating choices and exercise. They loved all the activities including: kickboxing, aerobics, yoga, Zumba and more. What a great day of fun and learning!





#### **MAP Testing**

First through fifth grade students have had their best thinking caps on as they completed the fall session of MAP testing. These tests provide our teachers with a snapshot of where each student appears to be performing at this

point in the school year. It provides information on what areas may need further attention during the course of the year. These scores can be tied into our new IXL program allowing each individual to work on targeted areas. Test results will be provided to

parents during P/T conferences in October.

#### Serving Our Neighboring Parishes

The St. Agnes Student Council Lighthouse team's first projects served our neighboring parishes, Christ the King and Guadalupe. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, we delivered multiple boxes of canned food and dry goods to the Christ the King food pantry to be used for distribution to needy families in our community. On Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 26 members of our group volunteered as table bussers for the Guadalupe Fall dinner. We are proud to serve others and look forward to many more projects during the year.



Hot Lunch Menu for September 50th, 2024 - October 4th, 2024				
Monday, Sept 30	<u>Tuesday, Oct 1</u>	Wednesday, Oct 2	<u>Thursday, Oct 3</u>	<u>Friday, Oct 4</u>
Cabbage Burger	Grilled Cheese	Chicken Enchilada	Egg Salad Sandwich	Pepperoni Calzone
Green Beans	Tomato Soup	Refried Beans	Garden Salsa Chips	Lettuce/Spinach Salad
Orange Slices	Apple	Southwest Corn	Peaches	Grapes
Jello	Crackers	Pears	Celery w/peanut butter	Rice Krispie Treat
Helpers:	<b>Helpers:</b>	<b>Helpers:</b>	<b>Helpers:</b>	<b>Helpers:</b>
Amanda Diedrich	Cassie Meza	HELP NEEDED	Tish Kosman	Elise Gurrola
Jordan Diedrich	Jody Windhorst	HELP NEEDED	Teresa Swank	Anthony Gurrola

# What's Happening at St. Agnes School.....



We took our first spelling test. The students were so excited about this test. The spelling tests will be given on Fridays throughout the school year. Thank you, parents, for studying with your child.

In September, the first grade students celebrated their success and efforts with a picnic in our classroom that included: singing, dancing, and bringing our stuffed animals to school. What a wonderful time for all!

September 25 and 26 are days scheduled for the first grade students to take their first MAP tests (math and reading). We did a reading and math practice test on September 20.

In our class, we have been learning about Johnny Appleseed and apples. Many activities were planned. We tasted different kinds of apples, read books about Johnny Appleseed, and learned how to draw Johnny Appleseed. The students did a wonderful job following directions and coloring the picture.

Mrs. Payne shared a wonderful book <u>The Apple Orchard Riddle</u> containing a riddle about apples with our class. We read the book and then cut apples to see the star inside.

Our classroom smelled like apple pie after apple pie play-doh was made. The students then played with it and took it home at end of the

day. Thank you, parents, for reading with your child for the Reading Incentive Program.





### Fourth Grade Class By Kristi Becker



We have been working hard already this year in 4th grade. Our first mid -quarter progress reports when out already and I am so proud of how much they are already growing and learning!

The fourth grade class see Ms. Ayers for math and are working into Unit 3. They have been practicing addition and subtraction algorithms, rounding, estimating sums and differences.

We have been enjoying the Hallow app in our Religion class. The daily gospels, the Marian Playlist, and the Catholic Sprouts podcast are a perfect addition to our religion class. In class, we have started learning about the 10 Commandments.

We are just about finished reading our first group novel and will be getting ready for the infamous 4th great Book Tasting! More info will be coming soon on that! We are also learning new reading strategies like inferences and visualizing. For writing, the students are focusing on sentence structure first, before we tackle bigger writing pieces!

While my students go to Ms. Ayers for math, I also get to teach the 5th grades their reading/ELA/writing as well! We are very invested in the novel, Holes. I have added in watching bits and pieces of the movie to help with visualizing the setting and characters. They will start their first writing piece, an informational piece, shortly! They are also currently practicing perfect verb tenses in ELA.

We are gearing up for fall here at school! The 4th graders have made beautiful sunflower art for the hallway, have completed their first reading incentive project and they have enjoyed their first duties on the student council committee! They also led Mass last week and did a fantastic job!



