



1st Quarter 2015-2016

St. Genevieve Newsletter

From Ms. Corrigan's Desk

Dear Parents,

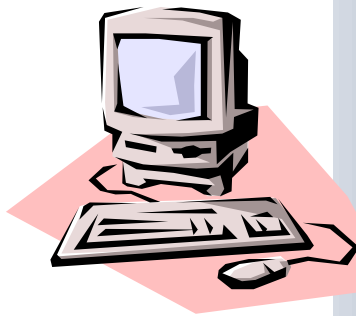
This newsletter brings the end of the 1st quarter, and what many things we have done throughout the first two months of school! To better address our weaknesses, we transitioned to a new math curriculum this year. With Eureka math, students practice fluency in skip counting, fractions, multiplication, and exponents to name a few.

While we are still adjusting we have already seen positive changes in the students' vocabulary and their ability to explain their rea-

soning.

In addition, throughout this first quarter of school, students gained many experiences. Experiential learning allows students to drive their learning by asking questions and exploring concepts. From science experiments like dissecting a pumpkin in science to simulating life in a space shuttle in social studies, our teachers are committed to providing opportunities for student exploration. In addition, our Jr. High students traveled to Saint Mary's of the Woods,

a liberal arts college and motherhouse for the Sisters of Providence. By the time they graduate 8th grade, students will have traveled to three different locations while in Jr. High to gain experiences outside of St. Genevieve and the city of Chicago.



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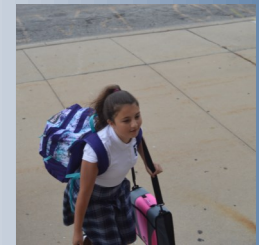
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1st Day of School 2015-2016

Welcome back to a new school year here at St. Genevieve. We would like to welcome Father Tim O'Malley, Ms. Davidson, and Ms. Maggie Shelledy to our staff. We are fortunate to have them as part of our St. Genevieve community.

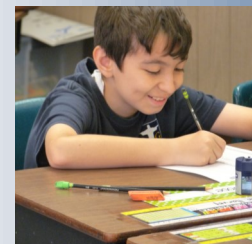


Welcome Back!



Eureka Math

This year St. Genevieve is implementing a new math program called Eureka Math. This program correlates to the common core and will be used from preschool to 8th grade. These are a few pictures of 5th grade using Eureka Math.



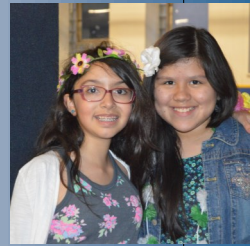
Meet the Teacher Night

Parents came to meet the teachers and see their children's classroom for this school year.



Back to School Party

The Parents Association and Parent Ambassadors brought back our Back To School Party. There was food, dancing, games and great conversation for all. Thank you to everyone who came out for the night and helped to make this night a great success.



Introducing the 2015-2016 Student Council

This year we have a brand new Student Council. They are a group of very excited students who have many new and great ideas. They began by attending the Leadership Conference held at Regina High School. They learned how to be leaders and come up with new ideas for their schools.

Our members, facilitated by Mrs. Day and Mrs. T, are Emily Rivera, Abigail Bucio, Jacky Angel, Steven Sinche, Conor Day, Luis Chavez, Vanessa Delgado, Giselle Cambron, YaAsia Chandler, Victor King, Isabel Vinaja, Bryan Zumba, and Felipe Landa.



Technology in Prek/Kinder

With a grant from Big Shoulders St. Genevieve was able to get a new smartboard to be used in the preschool and kindergarten classrooms. The students are able to interact with the board and really make learning come alive.



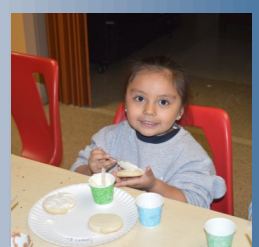
Kindergarten and Preschool News

Kindergarten using interactive learning with the book Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom.

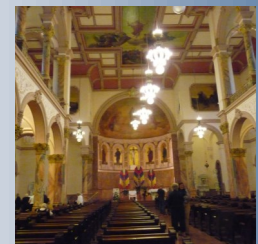
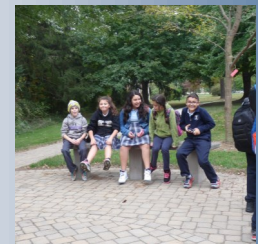
Every Friday, Preschool and Kindergarten pair up to use integrated centers with the students. They are working together at table and helping each other out. This is a great way for the students to learn how to socialize and for the preschoolers to create a bond with the Mrs. Day for the following year when they enter Kindergarten.

Here are some pictures of Preschool and Kindergarten having some fun!

Both classes also dissected a pumpkin. Kindergarten spent time on using adjective words to describe both the inside and outside of the pumpkin and then writing about them. Both classes were fascinated by the inside of the pumpkin and how it felt.



St. Mother Theodore shrine, alpacas, Sisters of Providence motherhouse, sisters' cemetery...all that and more! The Jr high students and teachers visited St. Mary -of- the-Woods, Indiana motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence. (Sister Sue is a Sister of Providence.) The students arrived for Mass after a 3 and a half hour bus trip. After a picnic lunch outside, the students were given a tour that included a visit to St. Mother Theodore's shrine, a walk around the college campus, and up close and personal visit to White Violet Center where alpaca, chickens, an organic garden fascinated the students. The field trip ended with an all-you-can-eat buffet supper. It was a wonderful day filled with good new experiences.



Science and Social Studies

2nd Grade takes science outdoors. They are observing and finding solids.

5th Grade categorizing bears.

4th Grade making ecosystems dioramas.

2nd Grade making posters about their communities.

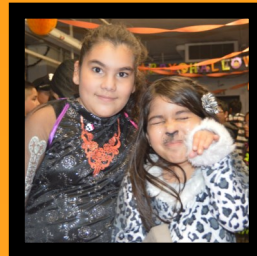
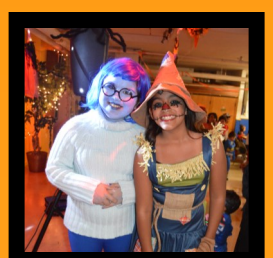
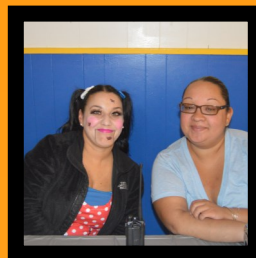


Halloween Party

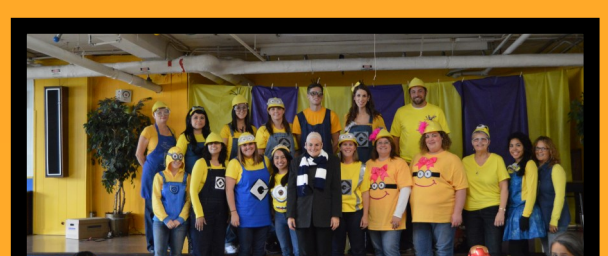
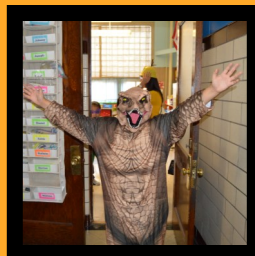
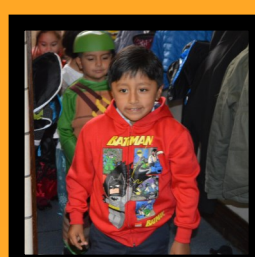


This year's Halloween Party was the best yet. The food was amazing, games were fun, costumes looked great, and the Haunted House was a huge hit.

Thank you to the Parent's Association for all their hard work putting this event together. It really paid off.



Halloween Fun!



Student of the Month and Honor Roll

Here are our Student of the Month's for September and October. These students showed either academic excellence, improvement or outstanding behavior in class.

September: Karina, Molly, Aniya, Isaiah, Hailey, Selene, Zaida, Destiny

October: Alice, Leo, Camila, Leonerd, Andrew, Isaiah, Alex and Anastacia

Honor Roll and High Honor Roll is handed out to our Junior High Students at the end of each quarter.

Honor Roll 3.0-3.5 GPA- Kaaliyah, Steven, Guadalupe, Jovani, Chelsea, Nicole, Kelsey, Victor, and Yahnessa

High Honor Roll 3.6-4.0- Luis, Edgar Y., Edgar M., Conor, Isabel, Nailene, Jacky, Kevin, Victor, Abby, Giselle, Vanessa, YaAsia, Anthony, Jazlyn J., Jazlyn A., Eric, Jocelyn G., Jocelyn R., Brenda, Morelia, and Diany

Congratulations to all of our Honor Roll Students. Keep up the good work!



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Congratulations to Mrs. T, Mr. Siwek and Ms. Peterson who all got married this past year. Good luck to all of you in the years to come. God is watching over you and your spouses!

