

First Grade Fun with Ms. Gale

It is hard to believe that summer vacation is upon us already. The year flew by! Our first grade class learned so much this year. They came to me looking so young and small and now they are going to be second graders. I will miss them terribly. Grade 1 has really blossomed in all academic and social areas. I am quite proud of their successes.

We have had some very good times while learning and reinforcing many concepts. Our Mexican Market was a huge success and our Rainforest unit turned out wonderfully. Your children have a thirst for knowledge and whenever I see an interesting bit of science on the

internet I share this with the class. They love it and I highly recommend that when something of interest happens in the world, which you think is appropriate to share with your child, please do so. The best learning comes in these spontaneous moments of sharing.

I would encourage all my students to read often this summer and visit their local library once a week. I wish every family a joyous, safe summer vacation and I will see you in September.

Judy Gale – Grade 1



1st Graders anxiously awaiting their parent “customers” during the Mexican Market Day!



Second graders enjoy the festivities at the Academy’s Memorial Day Barbeque!

Summer’s Coming - A book can be your new best friend!



Kindergarten News... with Ms. Geary

Kindergarten took an adventure through the science world. They are now experts on the different types of animals that hatch, barn animals, life cycle of a butterfly, and parts of a duck and ant.

In writing workshop we became experts on turtles. We completed our "All about books" which included a fact about a turtle, four different types of turtles, and the parts of a turtle.

In math we discovered the units of measurement: standard and nonstandard. We used balancing scales and rulers. We are learned about time.

The Kindergarten class really enjoyed their field trip to the New York Aquarium. They learned about all the different types of water creatures we encountered there. They were very excited to explore the aquarium with their buddies.

It's been a great year and we hope you have a happy and healthy summer!

Ms. Geary
Ms. Johnston



Congratulations to our Kindergarten Graduates!



Mrs. Miller, RN says...

**Don't forget to apply sun-
screen before going out in
the sun this summer!
Reapply often too!**



The Seeing Eye of Morristown, NJ, came to visit The Academy on June 16th. 10-month old Jager with volunteer Rob received a donation from our students for \$200 to help this wonderful organization that provides "seeing eye" dogs to aid blind citizens throughout the US and Canada.

Fourth Grade News by Mrs. Spinelli

The Year at a Glance

The fourth grade has journeyed to many places this year. We have traveled throughout the regions of New Jersey on our quest for knowledge of our great state. Also, we have tunneled under the earth to study various types of rocks and minerals. Our expeditions have taken us on an exploration of the human body, where we studied the circulatory and respiratory systems. In addition, we have toured many places, such as Indiana in the United States and Argentina in South America through our reading selections.

On our trip to the Newark Museum, we put our knowledge of rocks and minerals and animal adaptations to use. We examined various rocks and fossils. Also, we investigated several skulls in order to hypothesize whether an animal was a carnivore, omnivore, or herbivore based on the type of teeth and the eye socket location. The students also studied turtle shells to determine whether these amphibians were mainly land dwelling or water dwelling creatures. Lastly, the students got to observe some interesting and unique live mammals and reptiles.

I hope you have enjoyed the voyage!

I would like to thank our CPC, Mrs. McCormick, for all of her help throughout the year. I hope everyone has a healthy and happy summer vacation.



Book Reports

The fourth graders have worked diligently this year on their book reports. The students have been exposed to several different genres and have presented their reports in various formats. Summer reading lists have been placed on The Academy's website. Books can be ordered directly from the site for a discount.

Oral Reports

The Fourth Grade has gained knowledge in various subject matters as well as improved their public speaking skills throughout the course of the year. In the beginning of the year, many of the children approached the dreaded "Oral Report" with fear and trepidation. As the year progressed the students displayed an increased level of confidence during presentations.

Math Review Packets

Each child will be receiving a math review packet which incorporates concepts students should understand when entering the fifth grade. Please have your child review, complete, and return the packet to his/her math teacher in September.



A 5th grader took this digital photograph during a photography project in Computer class!



Third graders waiting their turn for "softball throw" during a fun Field Day celebration!

Second Grade News with Mrs. Ceppos

Language Arts- We have been working on learning as many Red Words as possible since we worked with Red Words exclusively for two weeks and we continue to add two per week to our spelling lists. We are currently working on the last story in our reading book. Also the students have been adding the final touches on their anthologies. They have also been organizing and completing their Table of Contents pages. In addition we have been reading chapter books together and currently the children are working on the last Lit Circle project using books with a summertime/ocean theme.

Math- We have been learning about multiplication, probability, and we have been doing detailed work with graphs and charts. The students have made great progress in Math this trimester.

Religion- We have been learning more about Mary. They have been listening to one short story each day. The stories tell about the many ways we are “Just Like Mary.” In addition the children learned that God wants us to pray anytime and anywhere!

Science- We completed the unit about matter and we are currently working on the unit about light, heat and sound. The children did hands on experiments with mixtures, solid substances, and liquid substances and they completed booklets about matter.

Social Studies- The children completed the “Me on the Map” project, and we discussed the many places they belong. Also we have discussed patriotism, our flag, and many interesting facts about our country. The students colored stamps that depict interesting places and facts about our country. We created an assembly line to complete a note book and the children had fun making the books. We began by learning about the Native Americans, and then we read about the explorers and the further development of the land. We also learned about the Revolutionary War and the beginnings of a new nation. It is very exciting information!

Have a wonderful and safe summer everyone!

Mrs. Ceppos

Middle School News with Ms. Church

The middle school has been very busy these last few months. We went on our class trip to the Museum of Natural History. The students got to see many exciting exhibits and they learned a bit too. Some of them even got to hold butterflies or have them land on their heads. All in all, a very fun trip.

The fifth grade had their DARE graduation. They had worked hard this year learning about how to be healthy and why it’s important to choose to live a healthy lifestyle. Each student wrote an essay explaining what they have learned this year. Congratulations to Mary Cate Greeley, Julia Nowicki, and Brigit Wolf who were chosen to read their essay to

the school. Congratulations to the entire fifth grade for their hard work in this program.

In addition, the fifth and sixth grades were invited on the Kindergarten trip to the New York Aquarium. They were able to spend one last fun trip with their Kindergarten buddies. The students saw many exciting marine animals, a sea lion show, and got to spend time with the friends they had made throughout the year.

Congratulations to the eighth grade on their graduation and I wish everyone a fun and safe summer! Ms. Church

Highlights of the Third Grade with Mrs. Kirwin

Time moves on when you're having fun and this year is no exception. The children have worked together in a wonderful and cooperative manner. From the first day they accepted their new classmates as old friends and the new students adjusted to their new school without any difficulties. They all are to be congratulated for acting as Jesus would.

Now I want to thank the parents for their cooperation and commitment to their children, the Academy, and our faith.

Instead of having me expand on this year, I thought we'd hear from your children on what they thought was the highlight of their third grade.

Asia thought that doing the book report that advertised the book and designing a poster for it was a highlight. She also enjoyed the breakfast in our classroom with donuts and juice to celebrate the children's First Holy Communion.

Andrew felt that the advertisement was a highlight along with the May Crowning. "I learned a lot about my faith. I thought it was fun. I enjoyed it."

Nicholas liked the state report. "I liked when you had to pick a state and write facts about it."

Charlie liked coming to the new school, making new friends, meeting new teachers, doing reports and learning about Jesus.

Nicole's highlight was making a closer friendship with God by

receiving First Holy Communion and also being in the eight grade graduation.

Melissa wrote, "Both of my highlights in third grade are making relationships. My best highlight is receiving First Holy Communion. My other highlight is making more friends."

Chiara thinks, "There were so many fun and amazing things this year, but my highlight was how funny and nice my teacher was. My First Holy Communion and the closer that I got to my old friends and new friends also were highlights."

Robert reports that he was so happy when Nicholas came to our school. He is his best friend and they sit next to each other at lunch. He also was happy to learn script.

Michelle's favorite part of third grade was the May Crowning and also making new friends.

Therese lists Holy Communion, May Crowning, and all the reports for the whole year as her highlights.

Angela agrees that the fun projects along with receiving Jesus for the first time were the highlights.

Cecilia's highlights are First Holy Communion and pipes (for every book a child read he or she made a pipe to decorate the perimeter of the room.) Cece certainly did her fair share.

Thomas S. liked guessing whose baby picture was who and doing book reports.

Genevieve's highlights were listening to her classmates advertise

their book reports, looking at baby pictures and guessing them.

Thomas E.'s idea of highlights are playing SILENT BALL with his classmates and receiving First Holy Communion.

Julianna's favorite part of third grade was the field trip to the Newark Museum. It was fun and going with the class added to the excitement. The May Crowning was another of her favorites "when the eighth graders and the third graders put on their special clothes."

Elizabeth wrote, "I enjoyed learning about decimals. I have learned a lot of things, but the most exciting part of third grade was receiving my First Holy Communion."

Now that the children have listed their highlights, I would like to add mine. It has been a pleasure teaching this delightful group of children. May I wish you and your families a wonderful and safe summer vacation. But I would be remiss if I didn't end with "Don't forget to attend Mass on every Sunday and stay close to Jesus."

Thanks for a great year!

Mrs. Kirwin



Mrs. Maggi Bids Farewell to the 8th Grade

As we say good-bye to the Class of 2009, we send with them our congratulations and wishes for a lifetime of happiness.

Their next four years:

UNION COUNTY MAGNET SCHOOL:

Kelli Cheung--The Academy for Information Technology

Megan Donahue--The Academy for Allied Health Sciences

Amanda Morton--The Academy for Performing Arts

Margaret Sport--The Academy for Allied Health Sciences

NEW PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL:

Kara Penney

VILLA WALSH ACADEMY:

Kinlin O'Brien

MOUNT SAINT MARY ACADEMY:

Cory Gagliano

Meghan Guinee

Shauna McCormick

SETON HALL PREPARATORY:

Andrew Raleigh

ORATORY PREPARATORY:

David Marzano

Kegan O'Brien

Good luck and God Bless!

Mrs. Maggi



8th Graders Kegan O., David M. and Andrew R. receive the Panther Academy Award for their "Kung Fu Monkey" movie.



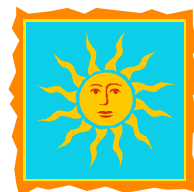
Eighth graders washed faculty cars their last week of school after losing a bet back in Feb.!

6th Grade Homeroom News

The big news in the 6th grade is that Mrs Evaldi has had her baby girl, Hannah, on June 9th, only one day before the due date! The baby weighs in at 8lbs, 3 oz. Mom and baby are fine, and expect to be back home by the 11th.

Mrs. (Susan) Southern has been filling in for Mrs Evaldi since mid-May, and will stay on through the end of the school year. "I am so impressed with the children here at AOLP", says Mrs. Southern. "First of all, the level of work they are doing in Math is very high, especially what the 8th graders have been

doing. But also, I am impressed with the children themselves. They are cooperative and respectful, they work hard without complaining, and all-in-all are just delightful! It has been a pleasure for me to work here at AOLP."



Have a Great Summer!

7th Grade Homeroom News with Mr. Berger

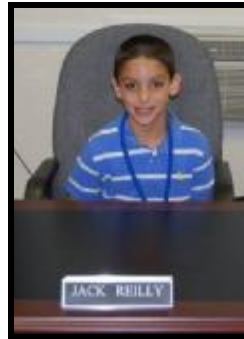
The 7th graders are looking forward to becoming the leaders of the school and having a great year in 2009-2010.

Social Studies:

The traveling is over and it's time to relax. The fifth grade has traveled the Western Hemisphere from Canada to South America. The sixth grade traveled back in time to the ancient world. The seventh grade visited our founding fathers throughout the American Revolution. The eighth grade fought their way through the Civil War with Lincoln, Grant, and Lee. More places to visit and learn about next year.

Reading: Grades 5 & 6

The students spent the year learning new skills that will make them better readers and building their vocabulary. During the summer....
READ!!!!



Second grader Jack R. Berrios relieves Mr. Berrios of his principal duties after his family won the "Principal for a Day" at the last Tricky Tray!

Track & Field Team News - by Mrs. Raleigh

The Track & Field team finished its first season in late May with a meet hosted by Holy Trinity School. The Academy Panthers had over 60 students in Grades Kindergarten to Grade 8 attend this meet.

Out of 17 schools that attended with over 800 athletes, our team finished in 7th place! The Boys Team finished in 4th place out of 17 and brought home a wooden trophy plaque.

Fourteen individual medals were also awarded as follows:

First Place (GOLD):

Frankie Gagliano (4th grade) 1600M 6:23.43 min
Lee Sport (7th grade) Javelin throw 101' 7"

Second Place (SILVER):

Frankie Gagliano 800M 2:58.85 min
Vickie Pepper (4th gr) softball throw 62' 2"
Kristian Grimm (6th gr) 100M 15.08,
Kristian Grimm Javelin throw 60' 9"
Lee Sport (7th gr) Shotput throw 29' 2.5"

Third Place (Bronze):

Gianna Doria (4th gr) softball throw 56' 3"
Brigit Wolf (5th gr) 800M 3:15.18 min

Matthew Dlugosz (5th gr) Javeline 60' 4
Kristian Grimm (6th gr) 200M 31.43 sec
Michael Nitzsche (6th gr) 800M 3:56.24 min
Cory Gagliano (8th gr) 800M 3:25.64 min
Andrew Raleigh (8th gr) Javelin 84' 2"

The coaches want to thank all of our parents for their support and for spending long hours at the meets. We also want to thank our parents that helped us at the practices and meets. We truly appreciate your time. We especially want to thank Daniel Grimm, an alum of The Academy, who came out to help us while finishing up his Senior year at Oratory Prep. Good luck at Seton Hall University, Daniel!

Finally, we want to thank our awesome Panther athletes on a spectacular season. You were all very cooperative and always did your best! We look forward to seeing you next year on the track!



Go Panthers!

June News for PreK by Mrs. Sommo

June has been a busy month for the 3's and 4's. The 3's spent this month singing all the Nursery Rhymes that they've learned this year. We also reviewed our numbers, shapes, and colors. They had extra time to play with their classmates during the last week of school. The 3's class will end with a pizza party in the classroom. We are looking forward to spending the last day of school with our moms and classmates. It will be a fun day for all! I am very happy that they will all be moving up to the 4's class in September.

The 4's spent the last two weeks of school reviewing the letters of the alphabet. Our main topic this month was summer and Father's Day. The 4's will end their last day with a picnic at Jaycee Park. The moms and dads will join us for a fun time! Our Pre-K yearbooks will be sent home to help us remember the good times we

have had in the Pre-K 4 class. We really worked hard on them! Good luck to all of you next year in kindergarten!

It's hard to believe that this school year is over and that summer vacation will soon be here. It has been a wonderful year in Pre-K.

Each child has grown in so many ways and I'm looking forward to some new and familiar faces next year in the Pre-K classes.

Congratulations to the 8th grade and kindergarten students on their graduations! I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer. See you in September!

Mrs. Sommo



5th graders celebrate with Officer Henn during their D.A.R.E. graduation! They spent the whole year learning about healthy life choices.



Parents and students raced each other during the Track & Field celebration last week. The fun ended with an ice cream social in the cafeteria.

Sixth grade girls enjoy delicious hot dogs and hamburgers after lots of exercise and fun and games during our Field Day celebration!



Vickie P. in 4th grade received a silver medal in the girls softball throw—62ft. 2in.!

