



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



October 1, 2023

Rev. Rayappa Konka
Pastor

Susan Flohr
Pastoral Minister

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
7:00 am

Wed 8:15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

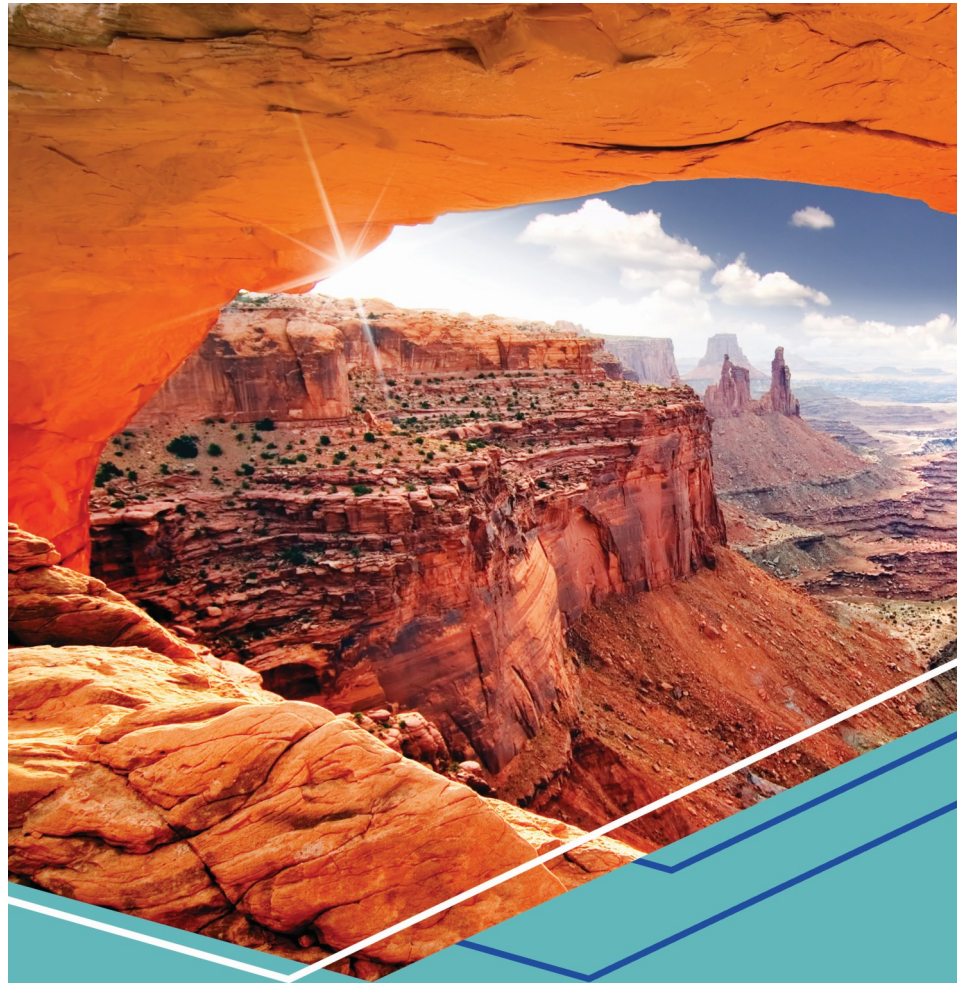
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday, 9am - Noon
& 1pm - 4pm



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” - Mt 21:32

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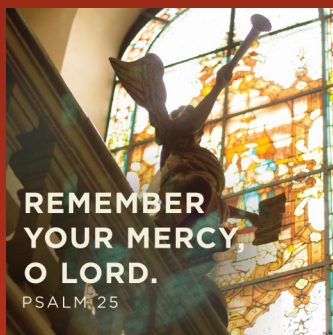
Today's Readings

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm: 25

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32



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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Vineyard

The second son never showed up to the vineyard. Did he get lost? Did he get tired? Did he not know where to begin?

When it comes right down to it, good intentions amount to very little. We all know this, don't we? "Show me, don't tell me." "I'll believe it when I see it." It's as true in the workplace and in relationships as it is in the life of the Christian disciple.

It doesn't matter if we *intend* to work in the vineyard. It doesn't matter if we promise to, if we think about it a lot, or if we make grand plans for what we will accomplish there. None of that matters if we don't show up. Before we show up, we have to find the way.

Showing up is the whole point. The work is the point, not the intention.

But all this begs the question: what does *the work* mean for us as baptized Catholics in the modern world? Spending our Saturdays in soup kitchens and homeless shelters? Standing on a street corner shouting out the words of the Gospel?

Our baptismal call is to the vineyard. Where is our vineyard? How do we show up? *We are ready, Lord, we say. We intend to work. But where do we go?*

My vineyard is not your vineyard, and so it's not my place to tell you how to get there. I am glad you want to go, but you'll have to find your own way, just like I will. But I can tell you this: only one voice will lead you there. If you listen to it, you will find your vineyard.

"Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way." — Psalm 25:8

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, October 2, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O'Brien & Family
by The Diocese of Grand Island
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Joe Lissolo by Michelle Lissolo
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: †Janet Trautman by The
Windhorst Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O'Brien & Family
by The Diocese of Grand Island
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, October 6, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Joe Lissolo by Michelle Lissolo
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: For Our Parish

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †Tom Braddock
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Carol Jean Windhorst by The
Windhorst Family

This Week's Readings



Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

Please save "Best Choice" bar codes!

The DCCW continues to collect bar codes from "Best Choice" products. The bar codes are turned in for cash and the money is given to help with ongoing clean drinking water projects in Haiti. Please save codes and put in an envelope marked "bar codes" and drop in donation boxes. Thank you !



Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

September 24, 2023

Actual	\$3657.01
Online Giving	\$1028.50
Gen. Church Support	\$5500.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$185.51
VCNIN	\$1636.55

September 2023 Totals

Actual	\$18163.40
ATW	\$6465.00
Online Giving	\$4889.00
Gen. Church Support	\$12300.00
Budget	\$40000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1817.40

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for Haiti/Uganda

Thank you for your continued giving!

October 2023 Ministers

GREETERS & USHERS

Saturday, 5pm:

Greeters: Tara McCormick - East
Joyce Moeller - South
Ushers: Rod Ramig (Captain)
Mike Svitak

Sunday, 8am:

Greeters: Matt Parsley - East
Joseph & Mary Ostry - South
Ushers: Mike Merrigan (Captain)
Mike Hackett

Sunday, 10am:

Greeters: Tom & Mary Thompson - East
Sarah Lewis - South
Ushers: Gale McGrew (Captain)
Candelaeio Soto Sr.

SERVERS

Sun, Oct 1 8am: Isabella Songco & Dalton Gass
Sun, Oct 1 10am: William Seymour & Lillian Seymour

Sat, Oct 7 5pm: Kensington Suhr & Giuliana Suhr
Sun, Oct 8 8am: Mia Blanco & Elena Blanco
Sun, Oct 8 10am: Jose Julian Franco & Noah Sierra

Sat, Oct 14 5pm: Regan Schiff & Quinten Gould
Sun, Oct 15 8am: Isaac Blanco & Henry Blanco
Sun, Oct 15 10am: Charlotte Lewis & Tristan Calvert

Sat, Oct 21 5pm: Ashanti Acosta & Easton Hill
Sun, Oct 22 8am: Tristan Hoelsing & Jacob Mark
Sun, Oct 22 10am: Claire Ascherl & Connelly Ascherl

Sat, Oct 28 5pm: Caylie Garcia & Tea Hill
Sun, Oct 29 8am: Isabella Songco & Anna Hafner
Sun, Oct 29 10am: William Seymour & Lillian Seymour

LECTORS

Sunday, Oct 1 8am: Bridget Peck
Sunday, Oct 1 10am: Chris Burbach

Saturday, Oct 7 & 14 5pm: Jennifer Hiltgen
Sunday, Oct 8 & 15 8am: Margaret Rood
Sunday, Oct 8 & 15 10am: Mark Loose

Sunday, Oct 21 & 28 5pm: Carmen Trevino
Sunday, Oct 21 & 28 8am: David Nash
Sunday, Oct 21 & 28 10am: Chris Burbach

SACRISTANS

Saturday, 5pm:
Shelley Thomas

Sunday, 8am:
David & JoAnn Nash

Sunday, 10am:
Chuck & Judy Schwartz

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, 5pm:
Ciborium - Mary Robinson
Linda Elley & Kathleen Roehl

Sunday, 8am:
Ciborium - John Songco
Erika Hackett & Shannon Hafner

Sunday, 10am:
Ciborium - Casey Seymour
Alex Ascherl & Shannon Sierra

October 2023 Rosary Leaders

Sun, Oct 1 8:00am: Claire Songco
Sun, Oct 1 10:00am: Jackie Seymour

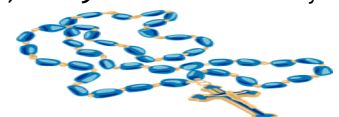
Sat, Oct 7 5pm: Ashlee Wilson
Sun, Oct 8 8am: JoAnn Nash
Sun, Oct 8 10:00am: Angie Hilbert

Sat, Oct 14 5pm: Ashlee Wilson
Sun, Oct 15 8am: Claire Songco
Sun, Oct 15 10:00am: Jackie Seymour

Sat, Oct 21 5pm: Kristin Schiff
Sun, Oct 22 8am: Nicole & Adam Hoelsing

Sun, Oct 22 10:00am: Angie Hilbert

Sat, Oct 28 5pm: Ellen Ramig
Sun, Oct 29 8:00am: Claire Songco
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

*October
Altar Society
Meeting*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
6:30 P.M. IN THE GARDEN ROOM

MEETING ONLY, NO CARRY-IN THIS MONTH



**Knights of
Columbus**

Congratulations to our newest members of the Knights of Columbus Scottsbluff Council, **Alvin Pascual, Det. Jordan McBride, Jordan Diedrich and Dr. Paul Tactacan.**



Have a safe journey Fr. Konka.
See you next month!



St. Agnes Altar Society Fall Dinner

Sunday, October 8th 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

St. Agnes School Gym

Tickets: Adults - \$10.00; Children 4-10 yrs. - \$5.00; 3 & under - free

Gather for food, fellowship, a 50/50 raffle, and a bake sale. All proceeds of this fundraiser go to enable the Altar Society to provide support for the church and its needs – the building and the people!

This event is not possible without your support! Check your mail for a list of all the help needed and for forms to pre-order your dinner and raffle tickets. Extra forms available at the information centers in the church. Online volunteer signup @

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054AAAAD23A7FF2-fall1>

Menu: Turkey & noodles, mashed potatoes, sides and desserts.

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM



Please use this form to select your nominations for these two prestigious awards. These awards will be presented at the 2023 St. Agnes Premiere Dinner and Auction at the Civic Center in Gering, Nebraska.

Distinguished Alumni Award

This prestigious award is bestowed to a former St. Agnes student in recognition of outstanding achievement through his or her contributions to the arts, business, education, government, humanities, science and philanthropies. The recipient must be an individual who, in deed or action, has brought honor to themselves, to St. Agnes School and to their community.

Nomination Criteria:

- ◇ Must have attended St. Agnes School
- ◇ Must be at least 25 years old
- ◇ Nominee may be deceased

Nominee's Name: _____ Age: _____
St. Agnes Student: YES _____ NO _____ Attendance Dates: _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Qualifications/Achievements: (Please use additional paper.)

Friend of St. Agnes Award

This service award is given in honor and recognition of an individual that has provided extraordinary service through volunteerism and support to St. Agnes School. The recipient can be alumni, faculty, support staff, clergy, parents, parishioners or community members.

Nomination Criteria: ◇ Must be at least 25 years old ◇ Nominee may be deceased

Nominee's Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Dedication & Service to St. Agnes: (Please use additional paper.)

Nominator's Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

****Return form by October 2, 2023** to:**

St. Agnes School Foundation * PO Box 2214 * Scottsbluff, NE 69363-2214

Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Gospel: *Matthew 21:28-32*

On the Way to Mass:

At Mass today we will pray the Our Father, saying, “Thy kingdom come, they will be done.” Ask your children to think about God’s will. What does that mean?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Ask your children whether actions speak louder than words. How?

Living the Word:

At home, look up Scripture verses in which Jesus speaks about following the Father’s will: the Agony in the Garden: Matthew 26:39, 42; Luke 22:42; the True Disciple: Matthew 7:21; and Jesus and His Family: Mark 3:35. Discuss: How do we know God’s will for us? How is Jesus a model for us in discerning God’s will and following it, even if sometimes it is hard to? Have your children make and decorate a prayer card with the words “thy kingdom come, thy will be done” from the Our Father. Place this card somewhere you will see it as a reminder to follow God’s will.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*



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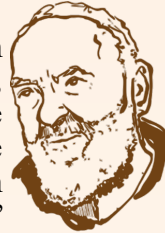
myParish App

*In the App Store on your phone or
tablet*

Thoughtful Moments:

St. Padre Pio

Born to farmers in 1887 in Italy, Francesco Forgione joined the Capuchin Friars. In 1918, Fr. “Pio” received the five wounds of Our Lord’s Passion (stigmata) in his body. Renowned for his preaching, holiness, and charity, thousands sought him for Confession and spiritual guidance. His famous advice, “Pray, hope, and don’t worry,” consoles and inspires many today. Even in his sufferings, he cared for others’ spiritual and physical wellbeing, founding a hospital that continues to operate today.



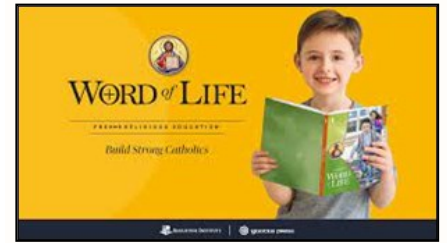
Raising good stewards

Stewardship means demonstrating that all we have and all we are belong to God. Children can be given opportunities to practice stewardship by participating in service projects, giving away excess possessions, and especially by giving to the church. Our offerings enable our parishes provide ministry to us and our communities.



“I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.” (Psalm 32:8)

Partners in Faith - September 2023



St. Agnes Religious Education

is raising the bar in Catholic formation. The *Word of Life* curriculum published by Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press will be implemented this Fall.

A New Vision for Catechesis

An authentic catechetical renewal requires new catechetical models that help children, teachers, parents, and families discover their authentic Catholic identity to reinvigorate fruitful participation in the Church’s life and mission. The Church needs new catechetical resources to not only provide faithful teaching, we must be able to explain why the faith is relevant in our modern culture.

An Integrated Approach to

Catechesis An engaging and relevant kerygmatic catechesis young learners enjoy through a blended learning model of textbook, online learning interactions, and engaging video enhancements.

State-of-the-art digital components allow young learners and parents to interact with dynamic faith formation materials in the classroom and at home.

An authentic and comprehensive program for children and parents, providing a complete family faith formation with *Word of Life* materials and the expansive digital library of the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press.

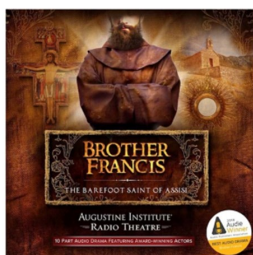
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of October 01, 2023



Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy | Divine Mercy | Episode 4

This episode of Divine Mercy and the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, reveals how a saint from Poland embarked on one of the greatest missions in the history of the Church, becoming a catalyst for the message of Divine Mercy.



Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi

In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi as he goes from being a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.



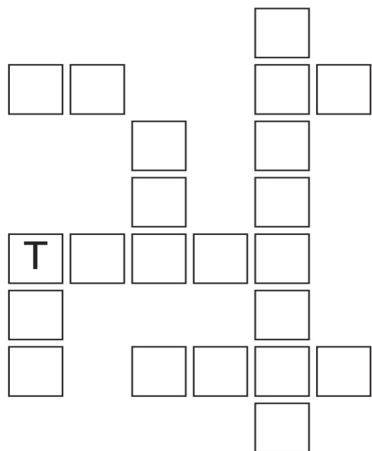
The Feast of St. Thérèse

In celebration of the feast of St. Thérèse, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:
Go and work today in the vineyard.

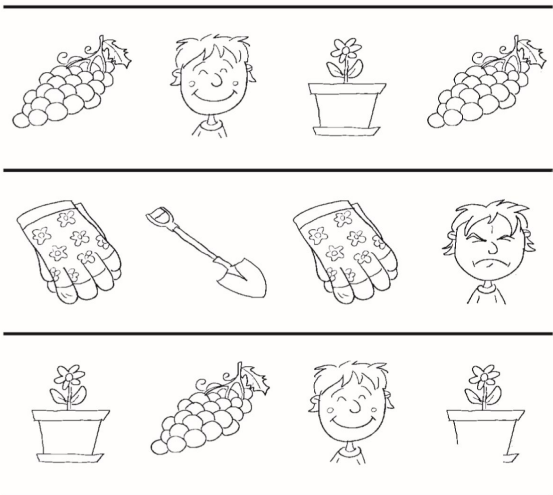


MISSION

Show kindness to a friend. Help someone pick up a mess they made, just because you love Jesus.

PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is the **same** as the first one.
 Then color in all the pictures.



MISSION

I will ask my parents to read the Bible
 xto me every day.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
October 1, 2023



Upcoming Events

Monday, October 2nd

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 3rd

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, October 4th

Mass @ 8:15

Pre-K Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

Blessing of Pets - 2:30 on playground

Thursday, October 5th

Water Education Fieldtrip - 5th Grade



Celebrating Priesthood Sunday

Sunday, September 24th marked Priesthood Sunday. Students and staff hosted a doughnut reception following the 10:00 Mass to thank Fr. Konka for his leadership within our school and parish communities. We are grateful for his dedication to helping us grow in our faith.



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Classroom News.....

Young @ Heart

2nd & 3rd grade students enjoyed the opportunity to perform for the Young @ Heart luncheon held on Tuesday Sept. 19th.

The students enjoyed sharing the song – Emanuel – A Beautiful Name. This was the first of many performances planned for this parish group.



Kids Fitness Day

Third grade students enjoyed participating in Kids Fitness Day held at the Trails West Camp on Tuesday, September 26th. Sponsored by Panhandle Public Health, this annual event teaches the students about living a healthy lifestyle. They are taught to read labels to assess the

healthiness of food, the importance of exercise, how to choose healthy snack options and how to maintain their overall health. The students get in a lot of steps and exercise as they take part in kick-boxing, aerobics, riding a stationary bike that mixes a fruit smoothie and more. This is a beloved fieldtrip of the students as they thoroughly enjoy the active learning experience.



Student-led Mass

Fifty students participated in the first student-led weekend Mass of the year. With pride, Pre-k – 5th grade students served in all the Mass ministries including: reading, cantoring, greeting, ushering, taking up the gifts, serving as altar servers and singing in the choir. This opportunity allows the students to play an active role in the Mass which increases their understanding of what is happening during this important celebration. The kids will lead weekend Mass once per quarter with the next student-led Mass scheduled for November 18th @5:00.



Hot Lunch Menu for October 2nd, 2023 - October 6th, 2023

<u>Monday, Oct 2</u>	<u>Tuesday, Oct 3</u>	<u>Wednesday, Oct 4</u>	<u>Thursday, Oct 5</u>	<u>Friday, Oct 6</u>
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	Spaghetti w/meat sauce Green Beans Pineapple Cookie	Tater-tot Casserole Steamed Broccoli WW Roll Peaches	Chicken Nuggets French Fries Steamed Carrots Pears
Helpers:	Helpers:	Helpers: Tish Kosman Roxanne Skiles	Helpers: Tish Kosman Katie Moser	Helpers: Robin Deninger Jordan Colwell

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

Pre-K Class By Nicole Boness

I first want to start off with how impressed I am with this class. They have done so well already, and are catching on to things very quickly. We just finished our unit on apples. The kids enjoyed tasting different apples, trying applesauce, apple jelly, apple juice and apple cider. I was very surprised that most of the kids loved the spiced apple cider. My students also did various activities, such as making a graph on which apples were their favorite. We did apple dot paintings and different activities where they had to find the letter A.

Pre-K has been learning how to use our wood pieces by building Mat Man and our capital letters. We have also been practicing drawing people and adding details to our pictures. These kids love drawing and I enjoy seeing their creative minds in their artwork. My students also love making their own booklets in the art center, taking them home, and reading them to their parents.

In the next couple of weeks, we will visit the pumpkin patch and we'll be starting our community helper unit. We will also continue our work on capital letters, numbers and writing names.



Third Grade Class By Megan Calvert



This first quarter of school is already flying by! 3rd grade just completed their first three MAPS tests of the school year. They all did so great, and I am so proud of them. 3rd grade is a transition year, where things get a little bit harder, but this class took it with stride and did not give up on their tests.

This month, we really focused on germs and how so many surfaces hold them. To get a better idea of this, the students went around the school and playground and swabbed different areas. After they swabbed the area, they rubbed the collection on an agar dish. We waited 5 days to see what germs and bacteria would grow. It was a really fun experiment!

In art this month, we learned about using mixed media to create art. The kids had a blast getting to use different materials to create their masterpiece. We are also starting our unit on Frida Kahlo. Last week, the students learned that Frida would mostly make self-portraits. In her portraits, she would always have an outdoor background and her favorite animals or things that meant something to her. Like Frida, the students then created their own self-portraits.

We also went to Kids Fitness Day at Trails West this week. It was a great active experience for the students. They got to rotate through several stations throughout the day to help them learn the importance of keeping our body moving and healthy. September has been filled with so much learning and fun for 3rd grade, and we cannot wait to see what October brings.

