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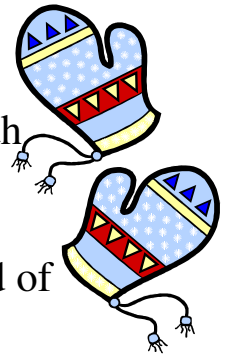
The theme for January 25-29 is *Mittens, Matching, and Counting*. The topic of mittens will be introduced with a fun cooperative activity called Mitten Scramble. Each child will put one of their mittens in a pile, and then we'll scramble to find the match. Also we'll be counting our pairs, and we'll clap to a rhythm wearing our mittens. By doing these activities we should be able to determine what the word 'pair' means. What else comes in a pair?

Another activity to do with mitten pairs is patterning. I bet the students could come up with their own patterns. Some possibilities are color patterns, boy/girl patterns or mitten/glove patterns.

The children will be using their own mittens (or gloves) for some of the activities. I do have extras at school they could use, if needed.

A favorite story of mine, The Mitten, by Jan Brett will be shared with the students. I will use character props too. This is a great old Ukrainian folktale which I'm sure they'll all enjoy.

With all these marvelous mitten ideas, I can only imagine by the end of the week the preschoolers will be "smitten with mittens"!



Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is coming up. The Carnival is Jan. 31, which kicks off the week. You should have received info about the week and the Carnival from the PTO. Thanks for selling raffle tickets! Continue on please!!

Two of our preschoolers have won a weekly prize for their sales. Congrats to Racquel Dreidger (P1) and Lucas Paul (P2)!

All JP II students get their own CSW t-shirt. I will send them home this week on Wed and Thurs. Then on **Friday, Feb. 5** all students will wear their shirts that day. P1 doesn't come on Fri, so they will wear theirs on **Thursday, Feb. 4**.

Please do not wear your shirt before then EXCEPT if you come to Mass on **Sunday, Jan. 31** to sing with the Children's Choir. You may wear it then.



God's blessings to you,  
Mrs. Owens