

# CLASSROOM NEWS!

St. Viator

Pre-K 4/Room 104

March 16, 2018

## Ms. Natalie's Newsletter

### Themes

This week, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day by reading books and doing activities related to the holiday. We discussed who St. Patrick was and why we celebrate this holiday in his honor. Students learned how Patrick taught people in Ireland about God and baptized many people. We read about ways we celebrate the holiday including playing Irish music, dancing jigs, reading and telling stories about leprechauns, and looking for pots of gold. We talked about rainbows and how they are formed. Students learned about the order of the colors of rainbows. We also made cute leprechauns with hair and beards made out of shaving cream and orange-dyed glue. During nap, I played some traditional Irish music for the students to listen to while they rested. We sang songs and read poems about leprechauns. On Friday, the students were surprised to find that a leprechaun had visited when they were in Gym class and made a mess in the room! There was a trail of green footprints leading to the window. He ate some snack and even left some chocolate coins for each child to find hidden in the classroom. He left a note apologizing for the mess but telling us about the coins he left behind. Lastly, we went to the gym to see the Trinity Irish dances including our classmate Sadie! It was an amazing show! It was an eventful and exciting day!



### Stories

*Good Luck! A St. Patrick's Story* by Joan Holub

*The Littlest Leprechaun* by Brandi Dougherty

*Jack and the Leprechaun* by Ivan Roberstson

*Good Luck Bear* by Greg Foley

*The Night Before St. Patrick's Day* by Natasha Wing

### Activities

**Language Arts:** Along with studying the letter V, we began the unit in Happily Ever After centered on the story *Peter and the Wolf*. This is the well-known story set to music about Peter who saves the animals in the meadow by tricking the wolf and catching him. Students learned about the concepts we will be working with this unit including: color white, triangle, categories, and more. They made their own books and answered comprehension questions on the back.

**Math:** With the theme of the week, students matched the numbers with the amounts of gold in each pot. They also traced the numbers on the St. Patrick's Day pictures. Lastly, we sorted and graphed the shamrock pictures the leprechaun left behind for us.

**Religion:** Students learned about why St. Patrick became a saint. We talked about how he taught the people of Ireland about the Holy Trinity using the three-leaf clover as a symbol. Students made a shamrock and glued the words Father, Son, and Holy Spirit onto each leaf. We also participated in the prayer for peace assembly on Wednesday. Students helped plant the tulip for our class that symbolizes peace.