

# CLASSROOM NEWS!

St. Viator

Pre-K 4/Room 104

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## Ms. Natalie's Newsletter

### Themes

This week, we worked with the ocean and sea theme. We named and described a lot of the animals that you see in the ocean or sea. We discussed where these animals live and how some tend to stay closer to the shore and others like to stay further down near the ocean floor. After reading *The Pout-Pout Fish in the Big-Big Dark*, students colored booklets showing the animals and the depth of the ocean that they usually live in. We discussed how as you go further down towards the ocean floor, it gets darker and the water gets cooler. Students read and underlined the ocean words in the booklets. We also looked at the globe to see where the oceans are and what they are named. Students loved to pretend to be crabs, jellyfish, sharks, and other sea creatures when we sang the song "Ocean Motion". We watched a video about whales and squids in the Southern Ocean.

For Mother's Day, students made some nice projects as gifts for their moms. We discussed how lucky we are to have our moms to help take care of us and love us. Students learned how May is the month of Mary and they learned the Hail Mary. We are preparing for our prayer service Monday where we will celebrate Mary and the end of the school year.



### Stories

*The Ocean* by Alan Baker

*Fish Had A Wish* by Michael Garland

*Ocean Adventure* by Tony Mitton

*The Pout-Pout Fish in the Big-Big Dark* by Deborah Diesen

*The Copycat Fish* by Gail Donovan

### Activities

**Language Arts:** We finished the unit in Happily Ever After centered on the book *A, B, C Book*. We reviewed the rhymes from the book and students circled the pictures that rhymed with the word said on the cd. For our final lesson, students played a rhyming game similar to tic-tac-toe where they had to put a game piece on the color square on the game board that rhymed with the image they selected. We made our own class alphabet book and students chose one or two letters to draw a picture and write the word that starts with that letter(s).

**Math:** With the theme of the week, students graphed the amount of sea creatures they found in an ocean picture. We also played Ocean Bingo. During morning meeting, students are learning how to write today's date and are practicing writing it on some of their work.

**Religion:** We studied Ch. 30: We Honor Mary and read a story about how Adam and his class honored Mary by singing a song during a celebration for her. We discussed why Mary is special and the ways we can honor her. Students colored the words of a prayer they can say to Mary during the day. Lastly, we colored flowers to give to Mary on Monday.