

Our theme this week has been "Bugs Galore" and the first thing we learned is that insects have 3 body parts and 6 legs. When deciding if one of our "bugs" is an insect, counting the legs was the easiest way to decide. We also learned that butterflies have thin bodies and feelers and moths have fat bodies and feelers that look like feathers. We painted caterpillars and made beautiful butterflies with our markers and a little sprayed water. The Very Hungry Caterpillar (with props) is still a favorite story!

We learned that ants live in colonies and since God loves his created ants, we shouldn't kill them outside for fun. Sadly we learned that ants will fight with ants from other colonies. We tried to find ants from the same colony for our ant farm and had fun watching them until they killed each other. We will try again with new ants.

In our We Believe religion books we are learning that God created everything. The Bible verse we are learning this week is Genesis 1:3: "Then God commanded, 'Let there be light.'" (with signing). We are learning many Christian songs that are a favorite activity of each day.

Each day includes many reading activities including upper and lower case letters and sounds (with Visual Phonics), rhyming, predicting, and using illustrations. Learning left and right is still a challenge. In math we just finished the first chapter on positional words and different ways of sorting. Our Success Lab time is about 15 minutes of math activities and 15 minutes of "Discovering English."

The treasure boxes that have come to school are WONDERFUL! Your children are so proud of them and have done a nice job sharing about them with the class. If your child hasn't finished it yet, please do so this weekend and bring it to school on Monday if possible. They will be on display for the Home and School meeting Thursday.

For our class rules we decided on a song that goes like this: "I have good manners, walking feet, hands to myself; isn't that neat? Kind words, inside voices, 'Thank you, Jesus, for my good choices. You love me and I love You. Help me remember what to do.'" Please reinforce the importance of this good behavior.

The weather forecast looks good for our field trip to the Discovery Center on Tuesday. Thanks to the 8 parents who have volunteered to go with us! We'll see you at noon Tuesday.

The parent letters are now being posted on the kindergarten website. Go to [www.bishophayescatholicsschool.com](http://www.bishophayescatholicsschool.com) and click on the kindergarten link. You may want to add it to your favorites.

Have a great weekend!

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