

September Meeting 2024

- 1) Get to know you questions (icebreaker) 3:00-3:20
 - a) Cut up questions onto slips of paper and put them in a cup. Everyone sits at tables with their age group and answers/asks questions to learn about each other. Volunteers help younger kids who can't read well or kids who are quiet.
- 1) Snack 3:00-3:20
- 2) Saint of the Month: St. Bernadette 3:20-3:25
- 3) Water Balloon toss outside 3:30-3:45
 - a) Place kids in 2 long lines paired with a partner. Start 2 feet apart- toss the balloon to the partner. If you drop a balloon or it pops, you are out. Then take a step back and toss to your partner. Continue taking a step back until 1 group left. Prize for the winning group (Dollar store candy/prize). Can redo until balloons all gone. Kids love this!
 - b) https://www.amazon.com/Bunch-Balloons-Grenade-Water-Instant/dp/B07DQT5DSC/ref=sr_1_8?crid=2GC1JRDO6WAL8&dib=eyJ2ljojMSJ9.Q7DaAqC1VXNTISEWwDMML35MM5r6Ezu84RQdmcTR6_SWhFQN4hTxI_GGKXgq_N54PHQjSLibK50Y15_tm1JNAdnDLizeU1rdL2MeK0Higt2smyc_DxODf96HSWdYcqsjVMxpv8tvo4HLELVMNN0sX2xkzASdF67V1mRV5GQ-4T3WbCYJwK1XJ1JByZsecxE_uyFdc01tTC9NIPP-uGi3j89aOBP3VPPb6PU4SC7YptNvuowIEK-OI7o9Kp5IsvSlvEDtz5Mp08wvX_4nuxeZB8WhDSxqFW9Fwa7szHfeMP8.AZ9b1uuj5Md3YsStghHv9sdhzbzUACRue8gbd5VGaigk&dib_tag=se&keywords=water%2Bballoons&qid=1729224092&prefix=water%2Bballoon%2Caps%2C158&sr=8-8&th=1
- 4) Scavenger Hunt (indoor/outdoor) 3:45-4:15
 - a) See attached list - you can modify this for your school
 - b) Put kids in the same age groups or pairs depending on how many kids you have.
 - c) Each group gets the scavenger hunt list. Place a sheet of stickers at each location and the group needs to get a sticker and place it on their list to prove they were at each stop. The winner gets a prize (Dollar store prize). Ideal to have a volunteer with each group -especially the little kids.

Supplies:

- 1) Printed list of questions, cut up and put into a cup. One list for each group
- 2) Snack - capri suns and popsicles
- 3) Filled Water Balloons
- 4) Scavenger hunt List -1 for each group
- 5) Dollar store
 - a) Stickers - if there are 6 groups, put a sheet of 6 stickers taped to the wall at each location on the scavenger hunt.
 - b) 2-4 prizes - ring pops at the dollar store are a good choice

St. Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879) had such a difficult time learning that at age 14 she was still unable to count and hadn't yet made her First Communion because she was unable to answer the necessary catechism questions. But it was exactly this difficulty that won the confidence of Bernadette's priest when she revealed that Our Lady had appeared to her. Bernadette was unable to read and spoke a local dialect, with no knowledge of French at all. **So when she declared that the Lady was "the Immaculate Conception," her priest was convinced that Bernadette couldn't have invented the story -- she simply wasn't capable of it.** After the apparitions at Lourdes were over, Bernadette entered a convent, where her intellectual difficulties continued to complicate her life. At one point, her mother superior despaired of finding a job for the young sister, saying, "She is a little stupid, and is good for nothing." Bernadette was tasked with praying, which she could do quite well even without much education, and she spent the rest of her life pleasing God in the convent, whatever the other Sisters might have thought.

Get to know you questions

What is your favorite movie/TV show?

What is your favorite color?

What is your favorite food?

Would you rather be the principal for a day () or the art teacher for a day ()?

Would you rather jump off the diving board or go down a water slide?

Do you have any pets?

Do you have any brothers or sisters?

What is your favorite dessert?

Do you like winter or summer?

What is your favorite vacation?

BACK TO SCHOOL SCAVENGER HUNT

READ EACH CLUE AND PUT A STICKER IN THE CIRCLE

- School papers and wrappers from snacks, smores and lunch- find your first clue where rubbish gathers in a bunch.
- Kids learning to exercise and make healthy choices. Kids running around and using their loud voices. You need to wear different shoes to this fun special class.
- It's always fun here when you hit me and make a home run.
- Most kids say this is their favorite time of day. This is where you go for free time to play. Hopscotch, playground, or the swings. This is where you go to choose from all of these things.
- Fr. James stands here at the start of the day. Hurry, Hurry, don't be late I say or we'll close the door and send you away!
- Here you can see our country's flag flying high. This clue should be as easy as pie!

- When you're not feeling well and have a fever, you will go to this place to feel better and maybe get a bandaid for your boo boo.
- Hola! Que Pasa! Y Adios! We also say Gracias and de nada the most!
- If you want to be like Mozart, Noah Kahn or Taylor Swift this is the room where you want to be. This will be one of your specials where you learn musical skills and the sound of the instruments might give you the chills.
- This is somewhere we can't all go together. Ladies and gentlemen, we each need to go here however. You take care of business then wash your hands and dry. I am by the place where the uniforms are given away.
- Now go back to the place where we started our group and spend most of our time. I hope you have enjoyed figuring out this little rhyme. This is the place that I hope provides you both learning and fun. And an amazing school year for everyone!

CONGRATS! YOU DID IT!!!