



February 6, 2026

Dear Parents,

The week, we enjoyed a visit with Ms. V. She wears a vest that is covered with a variety of vegetables. Ms. V is a vigorous gardener, who loves to plant seeds and grow vegetables. She taught us how to plant and care for a garden, and that seeds need sun, soil, air, and water to grow.

We have also been learning about our great state, Louisiana! We learned that our state capitol is Baton Rouge, which means Red Stick, that our state flower is the southern magnolia, and that our state bird is the brown pelican. We read many books written by Louisiana authors. A favorite was Johnette Downing's *Chef Creole*. We created our own "Chef Creole" from a collage of different Louisiana foods. We also read Johnette Downing's *Down in Louisiana*, a counting book which features pelicans, black bears, nutria, mosquitos, and other animals that live in Louisiana's wetlands, bayous, and marshes. We discussed many interesting facts about these animals and as art projects we created some of them.

Everyday Words used this week were: *I, like, to, do, you, see, and, are, my, made, is, there, me, a, on, they, go, when and have*. We will continue to review daily all the "Everyday Words" introduced so far. Not every child is ready to learn these words, so please follow your child's lead. Pointing these words out while reading to your child encourages his/her awareness of them. We read a new book each Tuesday so please return the Book Buddy Bag on Monday each week along with the library book.

Show & Tell for the week of February 9th is something with letter Ee. Please remember that only one item may be brought to share, and the item must fit in the provided Show and Tell bag.

REMINDERS:

- Please return Library books **and** Book Buddy bags on Monday of each week.
- Please remove all work from the folder **and** initial the behavior calendar **daily**. The children are responsible for their own folder and when there's work left in it, it tends to fall out.
- All students should bring a **full** water bottle with them each day.
- There should be a complete change of clothes in your child's school bag daily, including socks.
- Please send your child's school sweater in their school bag daily. Some children find it chilly in the classroom.
- Please attach all correspondence to the clip in the school bag.
- *The Cardinal Chronicles* can be accessed on the school's web site: ourladyofthelakeschool.org
- Please send your child's school sweater in their school bag **daily in addition to outerwear**. Students must wear the red school sweater while in the classroom. **With cooler weather comes outerwear. Please help us by labeling all outerwear and by teaching your child to put on/take off his/her own jackets and sweaters. When children are all waiting for help from the teachers it cuts into our much-anticipated playground time.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

- February 9th - Signed Valentines due
- February 12th - Valentine Exchange/Class Party (students only)
- February 13th - Grandparents Day, early dismissal (more info to follow)
- February 16th-20th - Mardi Gras Holiday
- February 23rd - School resumes

Math Enrichment	Fine Motor Enrichment	Phonemic Awareness
Have your child smooth shaving cream on a cookie sheet and using one finger, draw a circle, square, triangle, rectangle, oval, diamond, and the numbers 0-10.	Using three different colored markers, have your child make random dots on a piece of paper. Using one marker at time, have your child draw a line that connects the matching colored dots.	Blend the sounds and say the word. /c/ /u/ /t/ (cut) /p/ /o/ /p/ (pop) /g/ /r/ /ee/ /n/ (green) /sh/ /i/ /p/ (ship) /z/ /oo/ (zoo)

Have a great weekend and be well!

Denise and Ella