

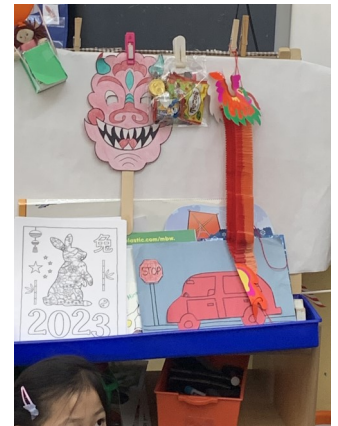


# Wildcat Weekly

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## Happy Lunar New Year!

Sunday, January 22 marked the Lunar New Year and the beginning of the Year of the Rabbit. Lunar New Year is celebrated in many Asian countries and by Asian Americans throughout the US. Many of our students wore red, a symbol of good luck and prosperity in many Asian cultures, on Monday to celebrate the holiday and some of the children shared some of the many traditions that take place, like the lighting of fireworks and lanterns. Father Fonti and I also shared in the traditions by presenting every child with a traditional red envelope, with a two dollar bill tucked inside. Some of the children had never seen a two dollar bill before and weren't sure if they were real. We assured them that they definitely are real and hope they buy themselves a treat or save it as a keepsake.







## Are You Squidding Me??

We would like to thank Dorian Mecir, owner of Dorian's fish market, for supplying fresh squid and leading our 5th grade students in a squid dissection. They learned that squids are cephalopods, a type of invertebrate related to the octopus. They have many adaptations that help to survive, including a siphon, that helps them move through the water, tentacles with suckers that help them to attach to objects and catch prey, a sharp beak which enables them to eat and even the ability to squirt "ink" that helps them to escape predators. Although the kids seem a little hesitant at first, they dove right in and enjoyed dissecting the squid and examining their external and internal organs. When learning is fun, it doesn't seem like work at all. Calamari, anyone???

### Looking Ahead

- **1/29-2/3 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**
- Sunday 1/29—**OPEN HOUSE** following the 10:30 am mass to kick off Catholic Schools' Week!
- Monday 1/30 Patriotic Day
- Tuesday 1/31 Culture Day
- Wednesday 2/1 Career Day
- Thursday 2/2 Wild and Wacky Day
- Friday 2/3 Dress Down Freebie Half Day K-5@12, 3K@12:50, PK @ 1
- Wednesday 2/8—Visit from Superintendent Deacon Kevin McCormack
- Thursday 2/9—Mindfulness Virtual Parent workshop at 7pm

