

Dear Parent,

Below is a description of the All Saints Day Project for our class.

Please take some time to work with your child on this, allowing him/her to do the work with the help of your guiding hand.

We will be having formal “presentations” of the projects on

(dates)

The children may bring in their project in the week of

(date)

Saint Artifact Box Project

- 1. Choose and research the life of a Saint:** It would be GREAT to get a children’s book on the saint your child has chosen, but I realize this is not always possible. Please assist your child in finding information from the internet and other resources. If I see your child has a saint book that I know is available at school, I will send this home.
- 2. Decorate a Box:** I’ve asked the children to imagine that they are an archaeologist, and dig up a box of artifacts from their saint’s life.
- 3. Six Objects that Symbolize your Saint:** In the box (decorated in a way that depicts their saint), place at least six objects/symbols that somehow represent the life of their saint. The objects could represent events, places, people or objects in the saint’s life. These will provide a “talking prompt” in explaining the life of their saint to the class.
- 4. Evidence Sheet:** Fill out the “evidence sheet”, listing each of the six objects and a description of what they represent in the life of their saint. These, together with the symbolic objects, should be placed in the box.

When the completed box is brought in (decorated on the outside and the six objects/symbols representing that saint’s life on the inside), the evidence sheet will be added to the inside.

EXAMPLE: St. Francis of Assisi

Below is an example of symbols that might be included in a project on the life of Saint Francis of Assisi:

Objects and Descriptions:

- 1. Picture of Italy:** He was from Assisi, Italy
- 2. Coin:** He came from a rich family; his father was a wealthy cloth merchant
- 3. Sword:** Saint Francis always wanted to be a soldier growing up... instead he eventually became a “soldier for Christ”
- 4. Crucifix:** Saint Francis had great devotion to Jesus Crucified. As a gift, Our Lord gave Him a deep sharing in His own sufferings through the stigmata he bore (wounds of Christ)
- 5. Piece of a Brown Burlap Sack:** Represents the poor Jesus that he so desired to imitate. Today, his followers in his order continue to wear a brown tunic with the rope belt and three knots representing the three vows: poverty, chastity and obedience
- 6. Picture of a Tabernacle:** This represents his GREAT LOVE for our Eucharistic Lord. His love is shown in the prayer he wrote called “Absorbeat”
- 7. Nativity Scene Picture:** It is believed that Saint Francis re-enacted the first living nativity scene, in honor of the poor Jesus born in a cave at Bethlehem.

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Name: _____

Saint: _____

Evidence Sheet

Object #1: _____

Description:

Object #2: _____

Description:

Object #3:

Description:

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Object #4:

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Object #5:

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Object #6:

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