

Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

English Language Arts

I have begun introducing a variety of centers the children will be using in the coming weeks. We will continue to go over expectations and how to take care of materials. The children have learned how to use the reading corner and many math manipulatives. They also have learned how to use markers, glue, twistables and scissors. We spent time discussing our hopes and dreams for this school year last week. From these thoughts we generated a long list of "rules" we should have in our classroom. Realizing the list was really long we categorized the rules and then finalized the ideas into the 3 general class rules you saw hanging in the classroom. We discussed logical consequences if rules are broken and the use of the rest stop. The children have been learning about how to draw different things like people, facial expressions and hair during writing workshop. Each child has a notebook to practice the various directed drawings. Our wonderful garden was the inspiration for our beautiful sunflower project. We used oil pastels and a blue paint wash for these creations. They are pretty enough to put in frames! We have begun discussing our five senses and after we discussed which of them we might use to make observations about apples we sampled some I brought in. The children had the opportunity to try 3 different types. Once the votes were in for the most delicious, they had the chance to sponge paint their favorite apple. I'm sure you will notice them hanging up when you visit next week!



Bits and Pieces

Back to School Hopes and Dreams

In the Daily Pouch there is a note for you. I would like you to take time over the weekend to write me a quick note about your hopes and dreams for your child's kindergarten year. Thanks!

Trek for Tech

Friday 9/29 is the walking event for technology from Please keep the donations coming!

Picture Day

Life Touch Fall

Photos in dress uniform Tuesday, September 19. Order online

Back to School Night for K-5 is on Wednesday, **September 20.**

Math

The children have learned all about using their math folders to complete math centers. They have also begun work in their math books. I introduced the guessing jar today. I'm sure the children will begin making lots of guessing before we count it next Friday.

Forgotten Details

Our day at school is very busy and I rarely check email during the school day. If you really need to get me a message during the school day, you should call the office or send me a text. I will see the text, but most likely won't respond unless it is absolutely necessary until after school. All the little girls in our class should wear shorts under their jumpers so they can climb, jump and hang on equipment and not need to worry about how their dresses are hanging.

Religion

Blest Are We is our religion series and the first two units fit nicely into our All About Me theme. The children received their religion books this week and they had the opportunity to work on chapter 1. They realize this book will help them learn more about Jesus this year. We have been exploring how big God's love is for us. The children decorated stars that tell the world they are children of God. I'm sending home a paper children's Bible from the religion book in the daily pouch today. It is for your child to keep at home and read with you throughout the year. Just a reminder that our school Mass and half day in October is on Friday, October 6th and not on Thursday. The weekly Promise magazine is coming home for the first time today. We read it together at school but we don't do the activity page in it. You can do it at home if you want but you don't need to send it back. It is yours to use at home.



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Thank You

Last week, I sent home Scholastic book club order forms. If you're interested in ordering please do so by September 22nd. Mr. And Mrs. Cedrone have offered to be in charge of the book club for me.

Literacy/ Curriculum Workshop

Following Morning Meeting our day begins with reading and writing workshops. I am planning to give a Workshop with some colleagues for parents in **October**. I will let you know the date soon. This session will provide you with a view into what reading and writing workshops are all about in our K-2 classrooms and what you can do to foster good practice at home.

