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# Kindergarten Times

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Dear Families,

It is so hard to believe October is already here! Everyone has worked so hard in September. The improvement we have seen in the classroom is amazing. Thank you for all your help at home!

This Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be attending **Mass** at 8:30am. Throughout the school year, each child is assigned an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Church Buddy to accompany him/her to Mass. Last Wednesday morning, the children met their Church Buddies for the first time. The 8<sup>th</sup> Graders visited our classroom to get to know their kindergarten buddies. We find this is an invaluable experience for all involved.

**Thank you to the families that donated personal hygiene items for the St. John Paul II Food Pantry.** The entire school collected over 2000 items to help people in need! Mrs. Tetzner was so proud of everyone and gave the whole school **a free dress down day this Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Our class collected 614 items! Wow! We came in second place. Since response was so great and numbers were so high, Mrs. Tetzner has given the first and second place winners an ice cream sundae party and two free dress down days in October! We will let you know when the party and the dress down days will be held. **Yeah, kindergarten!**

Congratulations to Kathryn! She was chosen to be **Kindergarten Student of the Month** for September. On Friday afternoon, Kathryn will enjoy lunch and an ice cream treat with Fr. Sisco, Mrs. Tetzner, and the other Students of the Month from each class!

This week in reading, the big book is *How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?* This is a fantasy story and we'll learn what a dinosaur should and shouldn't do in school! We will answer the question, "What clues tell me how a character feels?" We'll also read an informational text about *Friends at School*.

The word wall words are **like** and **would**. A fun activity to help your child learn these sight words is to ask them to your child, "What do you like to do in school?" and tell him or her to answer using "I like \_\_\_\_\_," speaking in complete sentences. Another

question could be, "What would you do in kindergarten if you were the teacher?" and he or she would answer, "I would \_\_\_\_\_." We will be reviewing the letters **Pp, Qq, Rr, Ss, and Tt**. Rhyming words and nouns for places will also be reviewed.

The decodable readers for this week are *We Go to School* and *I Like*. A hard copy of these books will be in your child's folder usually on Mondays and are to be read each night for homework. This week, you will see them on Wednesday. The first book, *We Go to School*, is a picture story. Have your child tell you his or her own story about the pictures, encouraging them to speak in complete sentences. The second book is called, *I Like*. As your child reads this book to you, have him or her point to each word as it is read. This will help your child understand the concept of print. You will be amazed how quickly your child will begin reading. Thank you for your help!

The class is doing a great job with the sight words and letters of the alphabet so far. We can see they are working very hard at home. At this time, the children should be able to recognize and write all the upper and lowercase letters of the alphabet. If possible, please review the letters with your child to see if any additional help is needed. We are now beginning to write words and even sentences. If your child is struggling with the alphabet, this writing task will be very challenging and frustrating. Just a few minutes every evening will ensure a successful and positive learning experience throughout this year.

In math, we will continue to sort objects in different ways using sizes, colors, and shapes as our basic criteria. The Chapter 1 test in math will be given on Friday morning. Alike, same, and different will be reviewed this week, as well as sorting by color, shape, and size to prepare for this assessment.

If you are purchasing books from the **Scholastic Book Club**, the next deadline for ordering is Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> so you can receive these books for the holiday. Thank you again!

Our field trip to **Confreda Greenhouses and Farms** in Cranston, RI is on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. All parents are welcome to chaperone this field trip. We ask that you use your own vehicle and follow the bus so all those who wish to go can. Car-pooling has worked in the past, and hopefully this is an option for you. We will have directions available for your convenience. Also, please remember **all chaperones need to complete a background check and a safe environment form in order to volunteer**. If you need to complete a BCI and Safe Environment Check, please see Mrs. Zagorski as soon as possible. The processing of this information could take two or more weeks and the trip is not very far away. The cost of the trip is \$14.00 per student. This includes the cost of transportation as well as the participating in several activities at the farm. The bus will leave at 9:15am and return at approximately 1:15pm. Chaperones are free. **Please fill out the permission form and chaperone portion of the information sheet. Send these back to school, along with your check for \$14.00 made out to St. Cecilia School no later than tomorrow.** Hopefully you can clear your calendars and be able to join us!

**The Walk-a-thon** is on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. The rain date is scheduled for Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Your child may dress down and participate in the walk if they have donations totaling \$15 or more. The prizes that will be awarded for collecting pledges are listed on the notice. Everyone loves dress-down days, even me. Maybe someone in kindergarten will be the one to win the \$100.00 raffle! Thank you in advance for your efforts and support with this undertaking. We know it is never an easy task for parents to be involved with fundraising events, but this is one of our largest sources of income, with the proceeds used to maintain and improve our facilities. Again, this event is so much fun, as well as so beneficial to our community. Thank you for participating!

The **St. Cecilia Flu Clinic** will be on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm in the St. Cecilia Church Hall. Registration is recommended but not required. Register online at [www.schoolflu.com](http://www.schoolflu.com). If you have insurance, remember to bring your card. There will be no money collected and no out-of-pocket cost for anyone.

**If you have not returned the money or Kids Stuff Books for our school's fundraiser, please do so immediately. Thank you.**

**Just a reminder:** There is no school on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

Have a wonderful three-day weekend!

Thank you,  
Mrs. Lucier