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# Kindergarten Times

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Dear Families,

We were extremely proud of our class during Mass last week. Their behavior was outstanding!!!! This was the first time we attended Mass using a buddy system with the 8th graders and it worked out beautifully. The respect and maturity we observed in our 8th grade students was impressive, and we are so delighted to have such wonderful role models for our little ones.

As part of our school mission, students are asked to answer the calling of the St. John Paul II Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is in need of personal hygiene items. **Between Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, kindergarten is asked to donate one or more spray/stick deodorants.** The class that has the best response will receive a dress-down day! **Go kindergarten!**

This week in reading, the big book, *Everybody Works*, is an informational text, and we'll talk about the different kinds of jobs people have in our communities. We will be reading about the jobs people do and how the members of our community work together. Text and graphic features, how words work with art and photos, will be explored to answer the question, "How can photographs help me better understand a selection?"

We'll also read *Pizza with Sally*, a realistic fiction story about a woman named Sally, who owns a pizza shop. She shows the children how she makes a pizza, cooks them in the oven, and sells them to her customers. At the end of the day, Sally closes her shop and has a slice of pizza herself!

The word wall words are **and** and **because**. The letter of the week is **Mm**. We will be focusing on the sound Mm makes, naming, writing, and drawing pictures of words that begin with that sound. Action verbs in present tense will be reviewed. Writing will focus on using more details within each sentence. Instead of writing, *I have a dog*; we will encourage the children to add more detail to this sentence, ex. *I have a big, furry dog*. The lesson is that having more detail will make their stories more interesting to read.

Again, we will be sending the Decodable Readers home every week as part of our reading program. As

we had last week, a copy of two books will be going home on Monday, to be read each night for homework. The first book, *Mm*, 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 Mm*. As your child reads this book to you, have him or her point to each word as it is read. Again, thank you for your help!

**Please review the names and sounds of all uppercase and lowercase letters at home, as well as writing the lowercase letters as quickly as possible.** This will help tremendously now that we are sounding out words and writing sentences.

Chapter 2, *Geometry and Patterns*, begins this week! In this chapter, children will explore common plane (two-dimensional) and solid (three-dimensional) figures, both as abstract shapes and in real life. They will predict what shape or real-life object is likely to come next in patterns involving color, shape, and size. This week, the children will learn about cylinders, cones, and spheres. This chapter is one of our favorites!

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons, we will complete a religious program called **The Circle of Grace**. The goal of this program is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others. A notice is going home today with details of each lesson, including goals and vocabulary used. Please talk to your child about this program. It was very successful last year and it will be reinforced each year in all grade levels.

You have received a **Harvest Mix** donation slip in your folder asking you to donate a small treat for our special activity. On Monday afternoon, October 29<sup>th</sup>, the class will be snacking on this wonderful mixture. Please let us know if you are unable to donate the item assigned to you. This is one of our favorite activities!

You received a **Box Tops for Education Downright Scary Sheet** last week. This will help you organize any

box tops you collect and send back to the school. Please try to complete this page by the end of the month so we can have a chance to win a free dress-down day for our class. Thank you!

The **St. Cecilia Halloween Party** will be held on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall from 6pm-8pm. This annual event is always a good time filled with fun, music, dancing, and most importantly, plenty of refreshments and goodies. Tickets for the children are \$5.00, and adults accompanying children do not need to buy a ticket. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please send in the form and ticket money you received last week no later than Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We can't wait to see everyone in his or her costumes!

The field trip to **Confreda Farms** is next Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. All permission slips and money have been returned. Thank you! Hopefully the weather will cooperate. We will be watching the forecast and if any changes need to be made, we will be contacting you by email. Please make sure we have your email addresses in case we need to send you any new information.

The children do **not** have to wear their school uniforms to Confreda Farms. We suggest wearing comfortable, warm (if needed) clothing and sneakers, since we will be walking through the farm, riding on the wagon, and choosing our own pumpkin! Please remember to pack a bag lunch. **Do not use your lunchboxes** because they are too bulky and we want to be able to throw the bag away before we leave. If you are planning to chaperone the field trip, please be in the classroom by 9:15am. The bus departs at 9:30am and returns at 1:30pm. Directions will be available in the classroom when you arrive. There is no admission fee for chaperones. We will check with Mrs. Zagorski this week to see that all the chaperones' BCI's are complete. If there are any problems, we will be contacting you. Several children will be assigned to each parent who attends in order to help us with supervision. Because of this responsibility, siblings are not able to attend. Thank you for understanding.

Just a reminder: **Lunch Menu Forms need to be returned no later than Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** in order to receive Hot Lunch for the month of November.

Have a great week!

Thank you,  
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira