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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 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. 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.

Renaissance Star assessment began last week and will continue this week. The children are taking the assessment on Google Chrome notebooks in the center room. Everyone is doing a fantastic job!

In math, we will continue to sort objects in different ways using sizes, colors, and shapes as our basic criteria.

This week's chapter in religion is, "God Gives Us Water." The lesson will focus on how God gave us water to live. We will discuss where water is on our earth and how we use water in our daily lives.

In science, we will be exploring and identifying the parts of the body we use for sight, hearing, and smell.

You received another **Scholastic Book** catalog containing many Halloween books. In order to receive these books for the holiday, the next deadline for ordering is Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting this program!

**The Walk-a-thon** is on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The rain date is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10<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 us. 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 3, 2018 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.

Our field trip to **Confreda Greenhouses and Farms** in Cranston, RI is on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Any parent is welcome to chaperone this field trip. We ask that you use your own vehicle and follow the bus so all those who wish will be able to go. 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 fee for this trip is \$13.00 per student, which covers the cost of the bus and admission. Chaperones are free. We will leave at 9:30 am and return at 1:30pm. **Please fill out the permission form and chaperone portion of the information sheet. Send these back to school, along with your check for \$13.00 made out to St. Cecilia School no later than Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.** For planning purposes, this date is very important. Thank you for understanding.

**Just a reminder:** There is no school on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> due to a Teacher Professional Day and the Columbus Day Holiday.

Have a wonderful four-day weekend!

Thank you,  
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira