



Kinder News

September 2, 2011

Religion

We have started off the year working on a book about the parts of Mass. As we complete the Mass Book the students will learn how to make the Sign of the Cross, genuflect and respectfully pray in Church. Be looking for these books to come home in a few weeks.

FBC = Faith Based Character. FBC is a school-wide program that teaches us to be more like Jesus. We will learn the six faith based characters throughout the school year: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Fairness and Citizenship. We will incorporate FBC into our religion program. In September, the focus will be respect. We are very proud of their participation.

Reading

This week, we read The Little Engine That Could. We talked about the characters and setting and added three words to our word wall: **I**, **LIKE**, and **CAN**. We have also been working with syllable clapping and rhyming words (Level One of Phonemic Awareness). We continue to do our Name Cheer everyday as well. This fun activity also

builds concept of print skills, more specifically, how letters make words and that names begin with capital letters. We will do the Name Cheer until each student has had a chance to "cheer" his/her name. Ask your child how this process works!

"Making Good Choices"

We have been busy learning our school routines, line basics, body basics, how to be good listeners and cooperative members in a classroom. It has been a lot to learn and the kids are doing a really nice job. They are trying hard to follow our classroom rules. To help us with the rules, we will begin our discipline program called "Making Good Choices". While we want the students to feel extremely comfortable and welcomed in our classrooms, we still would like the students to remember the appropriate behavior necessary for the school environment. "Making Good Choices" is a behavior management program that helps the students remember appropriate behavior and gives appropriate consequences for poor choices. These behavior sheets will be sent home every Friday, please be sure to sign it and return on the following Monday. Look for this in your child's folder.

This will go along with our Positive Behavior Support (PBS) program. We hope the students feel rewarded for their good choices and enticed to continue doing so!

Centers

We have been introducing centers to the students this week. They have had some time to explore the centers and are eager to work in all of the centers next week.

The following is a list of our centers: ABC Center, Writing Center, Math Center, Read Around the Room, Pocket Chart, Reading, Mystery, Sensory, Art and Listening Center. Next week we will begin our literacy centers. Ask your child each night which center they attended to spark some conversation!

Class Books

Look for your child to begin bringing home class books. It is a great way to be introduced to their peers and get a peek at what has been going on at school. As you see the class books come home, read, and send them back as soon as possible so we can get it sent home with the next child.

We also ask you to send a picture of your child to school by FRIDAY. Please have this picture be no bigger than 4x6 and going horizontally if possible. They will be glued onto a project the children are working on and will be displayed in our classroom throughout September.

F.Y.I.

- Kindergarten students are not required to wear belts to school. The belt can be a source of frustration for some students. If your child can independently operate his/her belt it is encouraged but not necessary to wear a belt to school.
 - Sock must be worn at all times.
- **In regards to 3:20 carline-** please be sure you are picking up your children on the **south side** of the building, just as we have been practicing. Remind your children of safe behavior while waiting for their ride home. Students are to be sitting on the curb and stepping out when they hear or see their car.
- Last Friday, your child brought home a copy of the daily schedule and the schedule of the All About Me presentations. Please let us know if you did not receive one.
- There are still some spots open to volunteer for recess in the months of Sept. and Oct. Please take a look at the schedule (on the website) and if you can help please email your child's teacher
- **SHOW YOUR COLORS DAY Friday 9/9:** Your child may wear ANY (high school, college, professional, etc.) team t-shirt with dress code pants

- Please remember to have your child bring a towel for full days!

We are looking forward to starting full days next week!

Have a wonderful three day weekend!

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