



## Kinder News

### August 31, 2007

Parents,

Thank you for attending Back to School Night on Tuesday. We enjoyed seeing you! We hope the night provided some beneficial information. Please do not hesitate to contact us regarding any questions or concerns. You can reach us via telephone, e-mail, or by sending a note in your child's folder. The school telephone number is 457-7167. Our e-mail addresses are:

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### 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.

## **“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 began the school wide 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 bad choices. These behavior sheets will be send home every Friday and will start next week, please be sure to sign it and return on Monday.

## **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 and the Reading/Listening Center. These centers are the “must do” centers that the students will visit each week. The Choice centers are Building, Games, Art, Computers, and Drama. The students will get to choose a center after completing work in their “must do” centers.

## **Math**

We began our math unit with shapes. On Tuesday we sorted shapes and made a picture out of the shapes. You may have seen these in the hallway at Back to School Night. On Wednesday, we made shapes using pretzel sticks and string licorice. Of course, we ate the shapes when we were finished. This activity reinforced shapes but it

was also a good following directions activity. If you have pretzel sticks at home have your child make some shapes for you. Please reinforce shapes at home.

## **Class Book**

We will begin making a class book next week on rhyming words. Please have your student bring in two rhyming objects from home. (Example: a sock and a rock) Please have the objects in a bag with your student's name clearly marked on the bag. They will share the objects with the other students and then we will take their picture for the class book. We would like to have all objects at school by Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Have fun helping your student find some creative rhyming objects.

We also ask you to send a picture of your child to school by Wednesday. 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.**

Just a reminder: 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.

## **Book Order**

Two sets of book orders were sent home with your child today. You can order from more than one and write one check for the entire order. Checks are made out to Scholastic Book Clubs. Please be sure to write your child's name on each order form that you purchase from so there is no confusion of which they belong to.

**Return book orders by Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## Reminder

Remember there is NO SCHOOL on MONDAY! Have a great Labor Day!

Have a wonderful three-day weekend!

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