



Kinder News August 28, 2009

Parents,

We had another great week in kindergarten. We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 1st. We hope the night will provide 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 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 and will start next week, please be sure to sign it and return on the following Monday. Look for this to begin next week. 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.

Math

We began our math unit with shapes. Today we sorted shapes and made a picture out of the shapes. You may come see these pictures in the hallway. Look forward to hearing more about our fun shape activities.

Class Book

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.

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

- Also, socks 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 with their carpool and stepping out when they hear or see their car.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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