

October 1, 2017

Dear Parents,



Your children seem to be progressing smoothly into the second month of school. We

began our phonetic study of the alphabet with the letter "Aa", and we are currently on the letter "Tt", as we move consecutively through a general review of the alphabet. We will begin the process of blending to initiate phonetic reading once we have reviewed all 26 letters of the alphabet. We are currently practicing and reading 45 "life-time" or sight words.



In math, we have been studying shapes (two and three dimensional), sorting by attribute, and have begun exploration with the math manipulatives trying to identify patterns in our number system. We have also started grouping numbers by 2's, 5's and 10's to help us learn how to count by those numerical increments. Our units of study for October will center around Fire Prevention and Safety, Christopher Columbus, Red Ribbon Week, and of course, Halloween at the end of the month.

In religion, we began learning about saints (God's special helpers and heroes). We started with St. Francis, whose feast day is October 4th, and who is the patron saints of pets. Our next **school Mass is Wednesday, October 17th at 11:00am**. Parents are always welcomed and encouraged to attend Mass with us! Hope to see you in church!



Please keep all previous completed homework papers at home. Some children are carrying all of their homework papers in their backpacks. This seems to be creating confusion when they can't find their most recent paper. It's a good idea to **keep and save** all completed homework papers at home for additional practice. The children will be receiving "math" homework twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children should return these papers to school when they are completed.



REMINDERS

Just a reminder to note on your calendars, that Friday, October 6th and 13th are minimum days and dismissal is at noon. Friday, October 20th there is **NO** school due to a Diocesan Teacher's Workshop. Finally, we will be celebrating Halloween on Tuesday, October 31st. Children will be allowed to wear their costumes to school on that day, and our Room Mom will be contacting you to either volunteer or send in some items for our planned Halloween activities.

It has been an awesome first month of school. Your children are engaging, curious and so eager to learn. They are truly very precious gifts from God, and I want to thank you for sharing them with me this year!

Sincerely,
Carol Ballard

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