

February 1, 2019



Dear Parents,

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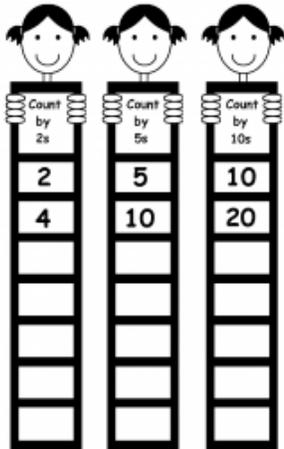
It is hard to believe that we just ended our second quarter of the school year. As I look back over the first half of the school year, I realize how much growth and development your children have attained since the beginning of this

year. I am sure you were very proud of your child's growth and progress, when you received their report cards this week. The report cards reflected their hard work and achievements during the first half of our school year.



Our week of celebrating Catholic Schools will end today on Friday with Grandparents' Day. The kindergartners are very excited about both the Mass and musical presentation we have been preparing for the grandparents. A very grateful, "thank-you", to all parents for your support and dedication to our school and our community. Most of all, thank you for sending your most precious gift to us and believing in the value of a Catholic education.

February is considered a short month in our school year, but we have a great deal to cover in academics and special events. In religion, we will continue to learn about Jesus as the Son of God and his mission to teach us. The children will learn that he grew up in a family, who was loving, kind and caring. They will begin to understand that is the message Jesus wants us to model in our lives.



In math, we will focus in depth on numbers up to 100 and how to group numbers in increments of 2's, 5's and 10's to facilitate counting. We will also be working with tally marks, graphs and fractions. The children will work with wholes, halves and quarters, as an introduction to the concept of fractions. We have already begun addition readiness for a transition into writing and reading number sentences with sums to 10. This will also compliment an understanding of factors or number families for addition using ten frames for sums to the number 20.

In social studies, we will be exploring locations and finding general places on maps and the globe, including bodies of water and land masses. We will also learn how to draw a map of our classroom, our house, and local community. The children will be learning about two important, famous presidents, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. In science, we will be exploring the properties of various objects in our world, including experiments on weight consistency and mass. We will also look into the different properties of water as a liquid, solid and gas. We will be VERY busy this month!



Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> marks our 100<sup>th</sup> day in school. To highlight this event, the children are asked to bring to school on that day, 100 items from home (such as buttons, pennies, hard candies,

paper clips, cotton balls, crayons, or a variety of small toys.) These items should be attached to the large poster that I have already sent home with the children. The children and their parents are encouraged to be as creative as they want in the selection of their 100 items. However, the items must fit within the frames that are designated on the poster. The items can be glued, hot glued, or taped onto it, whatever will work best for you! Please return the completed poster no later than Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.



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Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> will be our celebration of Valentine's Day. You may have your child bring a Valentine for each child in the class. (There are 15 children in the class.) Your child can just sign his/her name on the Valentine card, but **“DO NOT”** address them personally to each child in the class. Part of the activities will include an exchange of Valentine cards to classmates. **Please do not send individual boxes of candy or treats for the children!** A Valentine card is a significant expression of friendship and love to be expressed by the children for their peers in the class. The Room Moms will be contacting you about what needs to be contributed to our special activities on this day. Thank you again for your support and cooperation with all the celebratory events we initiate for the children.



Sincerely,

Carol Ballard

## Life-Time (High Frequency) Words for February

also	an	around
away	back	because
been	being	does
ever	every	great
home	house	never
once	only	other
put	read	really
same	soon	take
than	thing	time
upon	way	word
work		