

# Kindergarten Times

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Dear Families,

Our field trip to **Salisbury Farm** in Johnston, RI is being postponed to Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> due to the 60% chance of rain forecasted for the 17<sup>th</sup>. The activities throughout the entire day are outside and it would not be fun to be cold and wet. There has been a correction. The children **must wear their gym uniforms** to Salisbury Farm. Please remember to pack a bag lunch. **Do not use your lunchboxes** because they are too bulky, and we want to be able to throw the bag away before we leave. If you are chaperoning the field trip, please be in the classroom by 8:45am. The bus departs at 9:00am and returns at 1:30pm.

This week in reading, the big book, *Everybody Works*, is an informational text, and we'll talk about the different kinds of jobs people have in our communities. We will be reading about the jobs people do and how the members of our community work together. Text and graphic features, how words work with art and photos, will be explored to answer the question, "How can photographs help me better understand a selection?"

We'll also read *Pizza with Sally*, a realistic fiction story about a woman named Sally, who owns a pizza shop. She shows the children how she makes a pizza, cooks them in the oven, and sells them to her customers. At the end of the day, Sally closes her shop and has a slice of pizza herself!

The word wall words are **and** and **because**. The letter of the week is **Mm**. We will be focusing on the sound Mm makes, naming, writing, and drawing pictures of words that begin with that sound. Action verbs in present tense will be reviewed. Writing will focus on using more details within each sentence. Instead of writing, *I have a dog*; we will encourage the children to add more detail to this sentence, ex. *I have a*

*big, furry dog*. The lesson is that having more detail will make their stories more interesting to read.

Again, we will be sending the Decodable Readers home every week as part of our reading program. As we had last week, a copy of two books will be going home to be read each night for homework. The first book, *Mm*, is a picture story. Have your child tell you his or her own story about the pictures, encouraging them to speak in complete sentences. The second book is called, *I Like Mm*. As your child reads this book to you, have him or her point to each word as it is read. Again, thank you for your help! **Please review the names and sounds of all uppercase and lowercase letters at home, as well as writing the lowercase letters as quickly as possible.** This will help tremendously now that we are sounding out words and writing sentences.

In math, the children are learning about cylinders, cones, spheres, cubes, and rectangular prisms. We will sort solid geometrical shapes. The focus will be on which shapes are able to roll, slide, or stack. We will chart the shapes as we talk about curved or flat surfaces. The class will be seeing manipulative foam shapes to help them discover which qualities each shape needs to be categorized.

The chapter in religion is "God Made the Animals." The lesson will focus on identifying all kinds of animals and how to care for the animals that God created. Each student will identify and create a drawing of their favorite animal.

A **Harvest Mix** donation slip is in your child's folder asking you to donate a small treat for our special activity. **Please bring in your item on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.** On Monday

afternoon, October 31, the class will be snacking on this wonderful mixture. Please let us know if you are unable to donate the item assigned to you. This is one of our favorite activities!

A dress-down coupon sheet is being sold to support the **Eighth Grade Class of 2023**. If you donate \$20.00, you will then receive a coupon sheet containing eight dress-down coupons, allowing your child to dress-down on a specified day, which is printed on each coupon. The first dress down day is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup>. The money from the coupons will go towards the cost of Class Night and Graduation. Please consider participating in this fundraiser. The children enjoy wearing "regular clothes" to school occasionally, and the donations go to a very important program in our school.

Come join the Halloween celebration "Trunk or Treat" sponsored by the PTO on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the back lot of the school. There will be candy and treats, music, a haunted house, and more! Parents must stay with their children. Thank you.

Have a great week!

Thank you,  
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira