

Kindergarten Times

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Dear Families,

Just a reminder: **Friday, October 7th is a PD Day. It is a distance learning day for all students.** Friday's work will be sent home in your child's folder on Thursday, as well as being posted in Google Classroom. Please send the completed work back to school in your child's folder on Tuesday the 11th.

There is **no school on Monday, October 10th, in celebration of Columbus Day.**

The Walk-A-Thon was a great success! The children did a fantastic job walking to help our school! Many children received extra dress-down days for all the donations they collected. Thank you so much for supporting St. Cecilia School!

The **Kindergarten Wishlist** is now available to view on our classroom website. Just go on the school website and click on the tab *webpages*, and then click on *kindergarten*. You will find a link to Amazon called **Kindergarten Classroom Wishlist** with a list of items that we would use in the classroom. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

In reading, the big book is *Please, Puppy, Please!* This is a realistic fiction story, and we'll talk about how pets can be an important part of our lives and families. We will be reading about caring for and playing with a new pet. Story structure: telling the setting, characters, and events in the story, will be the focus. We'll also read *I Have a Pet*, another realistic fiction story about a group of children talking about the different kinds of pets they have, dog, cat, bird, hamster, and lizard. They discuss what their pets are like, why they like their pets, and how they take care of them.

A fun activity to do together is to see how many pets your child can name. Begin by saying "dog." Take turns naming pets. Then ask your child to say a sentence telling something the pet might do, such as, "The dog eats a treat!"

The word wall words are **the** and **can**. We will be reviewing the letters **Uu, Vv, Ww, Xx, Yy** and **Zz**. Synonyms, words that have the same or almost the same meaning, will be introduced. Nouns for animals and things will be reviewed.

We have begun using Decodable Readers every week as part of our reading program. Copies of the two books will be in your child's folder. Please practice reading each book daily. The first book, *Baby Bear's Family*, 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, *The Party*. As your child reads this book to you, have him or her point to each word as it is read. This will help your child understand the concept of print.

Please continue to review all the word wall words. You will find them in your child's folder weekly. Hopefully this is a good system to transport the index cards without losing them. The students will be coming to the word wall individually and will be asked to say the words as we point them out. They are also asked to write them in sentences. The children who know all the words seem to be doing their review at home. It is important now more than ever to continue to review the words at home because it helps them so much in the classroom. It is so exciting to see them recognizing these words in all the books we read in class, whether it is in reading time, story time, or even in religion!!!!

In math, the children are learning about cylinders, cones, spheres, cubes, and rectangular prisms. We will discover the number of flat and curved surfaces on each three-dimensional shape.

The religion lesson is "God Gives Us the Land" This lesson will focus on how God filled the land with many gifts. We will talk about how we take care of God's land and how we can share God's gifts.

Mrs. Ferreira sent home new order forms for **Scholastic Books** on Tuesday. To receive your books before Halloween, the order must be placed on Tuesday, October 11th. Again, thank you for supporting this program.

A dress-down coupon sheet is being sold to support the **Eighth Grade Class of 2023**. The form is in your child's folder. 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 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.

Look in your child's folder for a **Golden Ticket Guide for the Feinstein Jr. Scholar 2022-2023** season. All detailed information for this program is on the flyer. Please take a chance for this amazing opportunity!

Lifetouch will be taking photos at St. Cecilia School on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Students wear their school uniform for this photo, as it will be used for the school yearbook and class picture.

The PTO is sponsoring a **Social Event** on Thursday, October 13th from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Pawtucket Country Club. Meet other parents and network at the same time. This is a parent only night. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres. The bar will be open to purchase drinks.

Our field trip to **Salisbury Farm** in Johnston, RI is on Monday, October 17th. The children do **not** wear their school uniforms to Salisbury Farm. We suggest wearing comfortable, warm (if needed) clothing and sneakers, since we will be walking through the maze, riding on the wagon, and choosing our own pumpkin! 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.

Have a great week!

Thank you,
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira