

# Kindergarten Times

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Dear Families,

Thank you for all your support and generosity. Mrs. Ferreira and I are so pleased with the progress your children are making. They are becoming very good listeners and are very excited to learn new things.

During the next few weeks in **reading**, we will be exploring the theme *Friendly Faces*. Real and fictional characters will take us on adventures in familiar places with families and friends.

The big book is *What Makes a Family?* This is an informational text and we'll read about different family activities, various ethnicities, and extended family members. The children will explore the question, "How can I find the most important ideas in a selection?"

The word wall words are **I** and **am**. A fun activity to help your child learn these words is: ask the question, "How are you feeling today?" or "What are you doing?" and he or she would answer, "I am \_\_\_\_." Help them write the complete sentence. We will be reviewing the letters **Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn**, and **Oo**. Rhyming words and nouns for people will also be reviewed.

We will begin using Decodable Readers every week as part of our reading program. On Mondays, a copy of two books will be going home to be read each night for homework. The two books, *See What We Can Do* and *We Can Make It*, are picture stories. Encourage your child to speak in complete sentences as they tell you his or her own story about the pictures.

If you have seen, "please practice at home" or "please review" on any reading or math papers, your child may be having difficulty with the skills presented and could benefit from extra practice at home.

We will be focusing on handwriting skills throughout the next few weeks. A paper showing the proper way of writing each letter was sent home. If you could monitor your child as he or she forms letters, we would greatly appreciate it. Many children are still starting to write their letters from the bottom and going to the top, instead of top to bottom. We are trying to remind them, but it is hard to break bad habits if the correct way isn't reinforced constantly. Thank you for your help!

In math, we will continue to sort objects in different ways using sizes, colors, and shapes as our basic criteria. The Chapter 1 math test will be given on Thursday morning.

The chapter in religion is, "God Gives Us Water." The lesson will focus on how God gave us water to live. We will discuss where water is on our earth and how we use water in our daily lives.

**Meet the Teacher Night for Grades 1-8** is Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00pm-8:00pm. **Meet the School Night is for parents only.** Pre-K and Kindergarten had orientation at the beginning of the school year, so we are not included in this event.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade is doing a **Dress Down Friday Fundraiser** on **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**, for the wonderful non-profit organization, Adoption RI. Adoption RI has helped hundreds of thousands of kids. Donations of \$3.00 or more will be accepted. **Please fill out the form on the bottom of the flyer and return it to school with your donation by September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Walk-a-thon** is on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The rain date is scheduled for Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Your child may participate in the walk if they have donations totaling \$15.00 or

more. With a \$55.00 pledge, you are entered into a raffle prize of \$100.00. Non-uniform dress-down days will be awarded for collecting pledges that are listed on the notice that was sent home last week. Everyone loves dress-down days, even us. Maybe someone in kindergarten will be the one to win the \$100.00 raffle! Thank you in advance for your efforts and support with this undertaking. We know it is never an easy task for parents to be involved with fundraising events, but this is one of our largest sources of income, with the proceeds used to maintain and improve our facilities. Again, this event is so much fun, as well as so beneficial to our community. Thank you for participating!

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>. The children will learn how a farm operates, go on a wagon ride, navigate a corn maze, and pick a small pumpkin to bring home. We will end the day by eating our lunch in the farm's pavilion area, so please send your child to school with a bag lunch. **No glass bottles or lunch boxes, please.** The cost for this trip is \$22.00 per child. This includes admission to the farm and the fee for the bus. Chaperones are free. **There is no limit for the number of chaperones allowed. If you want to chaperone, please fill out the bottom of the page and send it back to school with the permission slip and medical form.** We ask that you use your own vehicle and follow the bus because the bus will be completely full. Car-pooling has worked in the past and hopefully this is an option for you. **A completed background check and safe environment form is required to be a chaperone. If you need to complete a BCI check and/or safe environment form, please see Mrs. Zagorski in her office. She will provide you with the necessary forms.**

Please send in \$22.00, permission slip, and medical form for the trip by **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. We need to process the checks and pay for the trip, so September 30<sup>th</sup> is an important deadline. Any additional questions you have regarding our plans, do not hesitate to ask us. Please pay by check. You can make it out to **St. Cecilia School**. For planning purposes, this date is very important. Thank you for understanding.

Have a great week!

Thank you,  
Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira