

# Kindergarten Times

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Dear Families,

**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!

Just a reminder: **Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

This week in reading, the big book is *How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?* This is a fantasy story, and we'll learn what a dinosaur should and shouldn't do in school! We will answer the question, "What clues tell me how a character feels?" We'll also read an informational text about *Friends at School*.

The word wall words are **like** and **would**. A fun activity to help your child learn these sight words is to ask them to your child, "What do you like to do in school? and tell him or her to answer using "I like \_\_\_\_\_," speaking in complete sentences. Another question could be, "What would you do in kindergarten if you were the teacher?" and he or she would answer, "I would \_\_\_\_\_." We will be reviewing the letters **Pp, Qq, Rr, Ss, and Tt**. Rhyming words and nouns for places will also be reviewed.

The decodable readers for this week are *We Go to School*, and *I Like*. A hard copy of these books will be in your child's folder usually on Mondays and are to be read each night for homework. The first book, *We Go to School*, is a picture story. Have your child tell you his or her own story about the pictures, encouraging them to speak in complete sentence. The second book is called, *I Like*. 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. You will be amazed how quickly your child will begin reading. Thank you for your help!

The class is doing a great job with the sight words and letters of the alphabet so far. We can see they are working very hard at home. At this time, the children should be able to recognize and write all the upper and lowercase letters of the alphabet. If possible, please review the letters with your child to see if any additional help is needed. We are now beginning to write words and even sentences. If your child is struggling with the alphabet, this writing task will be very challenging and frustrating. Just a few minutes every evening will ensure a successful and positive learning experience throughout this year.

Chapter 2, *Geometry and Patterns*, begins on Monday! In this chapter, children will explore common plane (two-dimensional) and solid (three-dimensional) figures, both as abstract shapes and in real life. They will predict what shape or real-life object is likely to come next in patterns involving color, shape, and size. This week, the children will learn about cylinders, cones, and spheres. This chapter is one of our favorites!

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoon, we will complete a religious program called **The Circle of Grace**. The goal of this program is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others. A notice is being sent home with details of each lesson, including goals and vocabulary used. Please talk to your child about this program. It has been successful in the past and it will be reinforced each year in all grade levels.

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 11<sup>th</sup>. Again, thank you for supporting this program.

**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