

# Kindergarten Times

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Dear Families,

**Valentine's Day** is here! A **Valentine Card Exchange** will be taking place on Tuesday afternoon, February 14<sup>th</sup>. What an exciting time it will be!

The **Hundredth Day of School** was so much fun and it sure was busy. After weeks of anticipation, putting ten bundles of ten straws together was so exciting! During morning circle, each child presented his or her one-hundred-piece project. Everyone did a fantastic job! We wore hundredth day crowns, had fun coloring ten groups of ten, and colored our hidden number picture. Wow, what an incredible day!

**Grade 4 is having a Dress Down Thursday Fundraiser to support the Pawtucket Animal Shelter.** Donations of \$3.00 or more will let you dress down on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. The form was in your child's folder. Please complete the bottom of the form and return it as well as the donation to school by February 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.

In reading, the big book, *In the Big Blue Sea*, is an informational text. The children will talk about different fish that live and swim in the ocean. They will read about and see many different fish and decide which color fish they'd like to be! They will discuss and answer the question, "How does knowing why the author wrote a selection help me?"

We will also read *One-Dog Canoe*. This book, a fiction, talks about a girl and her dog going on a trip in her canoe. They meet many animals, which ask if they can come along and then jump in the canoe. The canoe goes lower and lower, until it sinks and plops everyone in the water. After they take a swim, the girl and her dog set off alone at last in their canoe!

The word wall words are **be** and **will**. **There will be a spelling test on Thursday.** The letter of the week is **Rr**. We will identify words that begin with the letter r sound. The grammar lesson for this week is using verbs in the future tense. We will review verbs tell what

people, animals, and things do. Sometimes we want to talk about something that will happen in the future and to do this, we change the verb. In the past, the dog wagged its tail. In the future, the dog will wag its tail. The children will also be writing letters. They will learn that a letter is a type of a long message and has three parts, a greeting, middle, and a closing.

In math, we will be reinforcing place value with the numbers 15 and 16. Examples of this are: 15 is 1 bundle of ten and 5 ones and 16 is 1 bundle of ten and 6 ones. We will also be reinforcing place value with the numbers 17 and 18. Examples of this are: 17 is 1 bundle of ten and 7 ones and 18 is 1 bundle of ten and 8 ones.

The religion lesson is "Jesus Wants Us to Love." We will discuss that Jesus wants us to be kind to others, to be helpful, and to share.

**Assessments** will continue this week for the upcoming report card. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Ferreira and I are very proud of this class. They are working very hard!

Mrs. Ferreira sent home a flyer for **Scholastic Books** with many spring books available to purchase. If you are interested in ordering any books, please place your order on or before Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

Just a reminder: **Registration packets are online** for the upcoming school year. If your child is returning to St. Cecilia School next year, please complete the online form and it will automatically be sent to Mrs. Ventura. Please send the registration fee in your child's folder or bring it directly to the school office. Thank you.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Lucier and Mrs. Ferreira