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Saint Francis of Assisi Mission Statement

We are a Catholic community of faith striving to follow Jesus, pledging each day to do our best by imitating St. Francis of Assisi as "instruments of peace." Our goal is to maintain a safe and healthy environment and to be academically prepared for this technological age.



From the desk of Mrs. Walrath



Kindergarten October Newsletter

Dear Kindergarten Families,

We have a very exciting month planned for October. We will continue to learn about the season of fall, and what changes happen to our environment in the fall. Our other learning themes for this month are St. Francis, Christopher Columbus, fire safety, pumpkins, and bats and spiders. We have many exciting art projects and learning activities planned for this month, including the use of our new SmartBoard!

REMINDERS:



- ✓ *Our Walk-A-Thon and Radio Disney day is on October 1st. A signed permission slip must be returned in order for your child to participate. Please send in your pledge sheets and donations as soon as possible.*
- ✓ *Tuesday, October 6th, is picture day!! Please send your child in the regular school uniform for our class picture.*
- ✓ *If you would like to purchase pictures, please remember to send back the order information by Monday, October 5th.*

- ✓ *We have a noon dismissal on Friday, October 9th. We also have a school liturgy on this day.*
- ✓ *Weekly Reader payment of \$5.50 is due this month.*
- ✓ *We will not have school Monday, October 12th, - Columbus Day!*
- ✓ *"Historical Prospectives" will be here on October 13th to teach us about the life of Gabriela Mistral. She was a Chilean poet, educator, diplomat, and a feminist who was the first Latin American to win the Nobel Prize in Literature, in 1945.*
- ✓ *Book Fair is Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (October 20-22). We will be sending home info soon. Stay tuned!!*
- ✓ *Our SFA Halloween Party is Saturday, October 24th.*
- ✓ *Our classroom Halloween party will be Friday, October 30th, in the afternoon. Please remember to send in your items if you signed up for the Halloween party with our room parents. In addition, we will be having a costume parade in the afternoon before we eat our goodies. You may send in a costume that can fit over your child's uniform to be worn in the afternoon for the costume parade. (Please only kind costumes; nothing scary and no masks that cover the face - for safety - we will be walking through the school and up and down the stairs.)*
- ✓ *Please remember to send back any paperwork requested by the school as soon as possible. Thank you to all who have already done so!!*

In handwriting this month, we will be reviewing the four types of lines used in handwriting: vertical, horizontal, diagonal, and circular. Then we will begin learning to properly write letters, as well as learn the sounds letters make. We keep our handwriting workbooks at school. You are welcome to see our progress at parent/teacher conferences in November.

In math this month, we will continue learning about positioning and classification, and then we will move into learning about comparison and patterns. In addition, we will begin having assessments on our learning concepts. We are all doing well in kindergarten. And we look forward to a great school year ahead full of learning, growing, and fun!!

In our religion program this month we will be learning about God's love for us. We will be learning about how the Bible tells us about God's love through the story of Noah, and how our families are a sign of God's love. We will also be learning about the life of St. Francis and his love for animals.

We will begin our T.A.T. program this month. This program is designed to teach children safety skills. The objectives of our first lessons are to teach the children about car safety, traffic safety, and fire safety.

In science and social studies this month we will be learning about the season of fall, how pumpkins grow, and the anatomy of bats and spiders. In social studies we will be learning about the life of St. Francis of Assisi and Christopher Columbus. *We use the Weekly Reader Magazine to assist us in the teaching of our science and social studies lessons. There is an additional cost for the Weekly Reader Magazine. The cost is \$5.50 for the whole school year. Please send in your payment (cash or check made to SFA) as soon as possible.* Thank you for your continued support in your child's education!

As we are "Letting Our Lights SHINE" in kindergarten we are planning some community service projects that the children can participate in helping others. Our ideas for helping the community include hand-made cards and care packages for our soldiers overseas, hand-made cards and visits to local nursing homes, and area food drives for families in need. We will inform you of the details of our plans throughout the school year.

We are excited to tell you that we have been doing a lot of work in our kindergarten journals. We have been learning new poems, songs that go along with our themes as well as practicing our coloring and handwriting. We will be working in our journals each week throughout the school year. You are welcome to see our journals at parent/teacher conferences!!

Happy Learning and Happy Fall,
Mrs. Walrath and Miss Matta

