



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 Saint 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.

September Newsletter

From the desk of Mrs. Walrath

Dear kindergarten parents,

We have an exciting year planned full of opportunities for learning and growing. Our classroom theme for the year is "Letting Our Lights Shine"! We are looking forward to having a bright and sunny school year together as we let our lights shine in kindergarten.

Each school day will begin with our mission statement, our prayers, the peace pledge, and then we will salute the flag. You may review these prayers with your child at home. A list of the morning and afternoon prayers are posted on my website.

In class we will begin getting to know each other, our classroom, and our school. We will cooperatively create rules for our classroom and expectations for our school year. We will ease into the academics of kindergarten to allow time for the children to adjust to their new surroundings. Our themes for the month of September are "Back to School", "Colors", "Apples", and "Friendship". We will be reading books, learning poems, and much more about these themes throughout the month of September.

We will begin to learn to "read" color words, and numbers words. Soon we will begin a word wall in our classroom of basic sight words. Throughout the school year the list of sight words will grow, until we have a whole wall full of words that we can read and spell. We will also start practicing writing our name with the first letter uppercase and the rest lowercase, holding our pencils correctly, and beginning each letter at the top of the paper and working left to right.

This month we will also be meeting our fifth grade buddies. Our fifth grade reading buddies will meet with us once a week to read together. Also they will be helping us walk to Mass and they will be sitting with us throughout each liturgy. Our first school liturgy is Friday, September 25. We will have a school liturgy once a month.

Homework will begin on Monday 9/28/09. There will be two math papers, that will reinforce skills we are working in class, and two handwriting papers. The homework packet will be given each Monday and will be due in class by Friday. Homework should be completed each night. In addition to written work, please read each night with your child. We will be going to the Thayer Public Library each week. I need to have all permission slips signed before your child can go.

We look forward to a wonderful year in kindergarten full of learning and fun!

Happy Learning,

Mrs. Walrath and Miss Matta