

Holy Family Pre-K 3

Letter from Director

Dear Parents,

We hope your child has enjoyed his/her first few weeks of school. The children have adjusted wonderfully to their new environment and schedule. If your child should cry in the future you can help her/him face the difficult days by being very consistent in your approach to school. Be very positive; tell her/him "Your job is to go to school. My job is to go to work or clean house". Don't discuss the topic too much. Once in the evening and once before school in the morning are sufficient. We want this to be a rewarding and fun year for your child. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.

Each month you will receive a newsletter. They will include upcoming events and activities. Activities are planned around a theme. It is strongly encouraged that you take a few moments to read the newsletter so you can stay informed and talk with your child about the upcoming topics and concepts. Your participation in reinforcing these concepts at home will benefit your child greatly. I will also be posting a newsletter called Early Years to our website. It's specifically for parents of preschool students. Preschool is the ideal time to build a strong partnership between home and school. A student's ability to succeed doesn't depend on talent or chance. It is the influence of parents on their children that can make a difference in a student's success. Teacher-Parent involvement combined with a home life that supports education will enhance your child's world of learning. We hope this newsletter will be of benefit to you.

Folder: Every Friday, your child will bring home their folder with their beautiful art work and other class work inside. Please remove the paperwork and return the folder to school on Monday. If you need to send anything to school (notes to teacher, order forms, etc.), please send it in the folder.

Tuition: Tuition is due on the 15th of each month and considered late after that. Late fees will be enforced starting this month. Always send checks or money orders **inside the tuition envelope**. We **cannot accept cash**.

Should we receive NSF chargebacks, you will be charged a fee as stated in the handbook. Furthermore, we ask that you submit only Money Orders for all future payments.

School Clothes: If your child is having trouble pulling up their pants/shorts or if they are unable to snap their pants, we ask that you send them with an elastic waistband. ***For color dress up days, your child may wear any outfit that is for that color day. They do not have to wear their uniform.***

Friday Spirit Shirts may be worn every Friday with appropriate bottoms and tennis shoes. If you choose not to purchase the Spirit Shirt, please send your child in his or her uniform. **FRIDAYS ARE NOT FREE DRESS.**

Service Hour Opportunity

Service Hours: Thanks to everyone for their efforts in keeping up with their service hours. It is always best to get a jump start on them so you're not rushed towards the end of school. Remember that they must be completed by April 15th and you must log them into the service hour book at school. We will have a box in the cubby room when we have items to be cut out or things that need to be made. Any cut outs for the teacher's should only take **two hours**. If it takes longer, please return to school.

We are in need of help with the following:
—maintain flower beds throughout the year (adding mulch when needed, planting small flowers under sign if necessary)
—cleaning school on Friday evenings or weekends (mainly sweeping, mopping, vacuuming rug, cleaning bathrooms)

If you can help, please let us know!

Curriculum

Unit: Last month, we began the year with teaching the children the proper usage of crayons, markers, paint, dot dot, scissors, stick & liquid glue. We also briefly introduced colors and shapes. Our unit focused on "All About Me". They had a blast sharing about themselves and learning about their friends. September's units will be on: Feelings/Manners, The 5 Senses, Beach and Pet week. Each weekly theme will have a corresponding Bible Theme, which is listed on the calendar.

Character Critters is a program from L.S.U. that was developed to teach good character to pre-school children. The program teaches five concepts: Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Respect, Caring, and Fairness. Each month we will teach one of these concepts. For the month of September the Character Critter will be Respect. Nursery Rhymes for the month will be Little Boy Blue and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 I caught a Fish Alive. Our color for the month is the color blue. We will learn the numbers zero and one. The shape is a line and circle. Directional terms are up/down and top/bottom. The letters for this month are A, B, C and D.

In August, we have covered all of the school rules inside and outside. We are teaching them to use walking feet and inside voices, as well as keeping their hands and feet to themselves. In addition to our school rules, we have been working with them on cafeteria manners. So far, they have been doing a great job remembering them. Sometimes they will forget, just like we forget things. In this case, a note will be sent home, and we ask for your support in helping stop the inappropriate behavior. A copy of the rules was included in your child's packet from the parent meeting.

Homework: If your child remembers or if you would like to encourage homework, they can bring the letter, number, or color to school. Your child may cut the letter, number or color from magazines, food labels, the newspaper, etc. They will receive a sticker and will get to display his/her hard work at school.

Blessing of the Pets: If you would like to bring your family pet to be blessed, please arrive before 7:30 and go directly to Holy Family School grounds. We will not be bringing the Pre-K 3 children, but you may bring your child if you wish.

Reminders to Parents

****Please remember that if you have a doctor's appointment your child MUST be picked up before 12:00 nap time and there is no dismissal before 2:00 unless an emergency occurs. It is very disruptive for the other children and their naptime.**

This Month's Highlights

9-3

Labor Day- NO SCHOOL

9-7 & 9-20

BLUE DAYS (wear blue, not uniform)

9-7

Mary's Birthday retreat @ 8:30 Parish Hall

9-11

Fire & Emergency drills

9-18

Enrichment: Cooking, Body/Movement, Science Experiment

9-28

Blessing of the Pets @ 7:30

BIRTHDAYS:

September Birthdays:

9-8 Stella Clouatre

9-8 Wes Bonin

9-12 Cohen Billings

9-25 Mason Cummings

We would also like to acknowledge our friends with August Birthdays!

8-14 Ella Schultz

8-22 Owen Gulotta

8-28 Rhett Marbury