

Mrs. Mercurio's Weekly Info

Aug 24-28, 2015

**St. Joseph Mission Statement:**

St. Joseph Catholic School is a Catholic community that helps all persons grow to the fullness of their potential in faith and knowledge.

Reminders:

- When sending anything to school, please use your child's home to school folder; it will be in their bookbag.
- Please make sure envelopes are labeled as to what the contents are for (don't have your child just tell me...sometimes they forget!)
- Send a healthy snack each day. In addition to the morning snack, there is an optional snack time in the afternoon during Kid's Choice time when your child may choose to eat. They can eat something left from lunch, a snack they have brought in, or I will have Saltine crackers they may have. Your child may also bring a water bottle.

Monday

- Wear gym clothes

Friday

- Wear gym clothes
- First school Mass 8:30 (all are welcome). Kindergartners will sit with their 4th grade buddies (the 4th grade teacher and I also sit with the group).

What We Are Learning This Week:

**Learning to adjust to kindergarten, becoming confident and independent, learning our routine, rules, and expectations, meeting new teachers and friends, and learning where things are in the school building will be our main goals for the beginning of school. We will also practice and review the following for our subject areas:

Language Arts:

Listen to and discuss stories about school, learning about rhymes, practice writing our names, knowing names of letters of the alphabet, learning to recognize friends' names

Math:

Practicing counting, practicing names of numbers, learning positional and directional words (on, behind, above, inside, etc.)

Religion:

Discussing how God made all things; learning about our Prayer Circle

Science:

Learning about our senses

Social Studies:

Culture: Friends and Family

Teacher Tips:

If children are apprehensive or nervous about school:

- Help them by reassuring them; let them know you know they will do fine. When you are confident in their abilities, it will ease their minds.
- Be firm but loving. If they don't want to go, let them know that they have to go, but reassure them you will be back to pick them up. Remind them there will be many fun things to do and learn about.
- If they are upset at school when you are leaving, I will help reassure them. You can help by also reassuring them and giving them a big hug, telling them they will do fine, then leaving. I will get them involved in an activity and they will feel comfortable in no time. When children are upset and parents linger in their leaving, it sends a message to the child that you aren't quite sure they will be okay, and it actually makes the child more nervous and will take longer for the child to feel confident.
- Please **do not** sneak out! This will also add to your child's feelings of insecurity. Tell them you are leaving and you will see them after school and you will be so excited to hear about their day!
- As always, let me know if you have any questions!