

Dear Parents:

We have had a busy start to the school year. The students in Kindergarten are settling in to the routines of school. They are making some new friends and learning to follow school routines.

#### Curriculum Evening

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend the Curriculum Evening. We trust that you now have a better understanding of the Program and expectations. There will be an opportunity for Parent/Teacher interviews in November. A sign up form will be sent home in order to schedule an interview. There will be a Progress Report Card sent home prior to these interviews.

#### Snacks and Lunches

Snack and lunch routines are going well. The students are learning to make healthy food choices. One suggestion we can make is that you send a **refillable drink container in a large Ziploc bag** for your child so he/she can get water as needed. As the school environment tends to be dry and the children are very active, we find the children need to consume a fair bit of fluids. We greatly appreciate all the efforts you have been making to ensure your child has sufficient, nutritious food during the day. We have noticed the nutritious food and the Nutrition Break routines have been helping the children to have a successful learning experience. As well, thank you for your efforts in providing PEANUT-FREE snacks. Just a reminder, please check all labels on packages to ensure they do not **contain traces of peanuts**. Your efforts go a long way in providing a safe environment for all children.

#### Special Activities in October

You will note a few special items on our calendar this month.

We will be making applesauce in our classrooms on **October 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please send in an **apple** for your child to contribute to the applesauce making experience.

For **Thanksgiving**, we will gather together with the other Kindergarten classes to share in a Prayer Celebration. They will be preparing for the day of the Celebration. Your child is invited to wear fall colours this day. Later in the month, the children will be taken on a **Nature Walk** in the back of the school property to look for seasonal changes and to gather a few treasures from Nature.

At the end of the month, we will have a **Black & Orange Day** to celebrate Halloween. This will alleviate any need for costumes at school. Please have your child wear some black &/or orange clothing on the outlined day, if possible. **NO COSTUMES AND NO TREATS**, please.

Thank you for all your support and interest in the Kindergarten program. Please feel free to contact us regarding any questions and/or concerns you may have. Just a reminder, please send back your child's mailbag each day he/she is at school. This helps us in the

organization of the mail and notes that need to be distributed.

#### Thinking ahead to Winter Clothing!!

It does seem early to be thinking of winter clothing; however, Fall is upon us and that can soon mean heavier clothing and even boots. Please keep in mind "Child Friendly" clothing when you make any purchases. We have found the following to be worth consideration:

1. 3-in-1 jackets are usually difficult for young children to manage and often are not warm enough in the middle of winter.
2. Fleece-lined pants often stick to children's underclothes, thus making them hard to get off and on, even with help.
3. Snow pants should have bottom leg openings LARGE enough to fit OVER snow boots; therefore, reducing the chance of getting snow in your child's boots.
4. Mittens should be waterproof (nylon outer shell). These tend to be warmer and keep the children's hands drier when they play outside at recess.
5. For safety reasons, please purchase a **NECKWARMER** for your child as scarves pose a hazard for strangulation. Check your child's outdoor clothes for any dangling drawstrings. You may need to shorten these.
6. Please remember to **LABEL ALL CLOTHING AND BOOTS**.

Just a reminder, when your child does switch to heavier clothing, please check his/her schoolbag straps to ensure the straps can be put on easily. Thank you for your attention to these details. These considerations will help your child to be safe and warm.

May you enjoy a happy and blessed Thanksgiving with your family.

Sincerely,  
Your Partners in Catholic Education

Kindergarten Teacher

#### Parent & Child Corner

Trace some shapes on paper and have your child practice cutting the circles out, while holding the scissors properly, (thumb in the smaller circle, 2 fingers in the bottom and always keep your thumb up). He/She could make a picture with these. In Sr. K., have your child work on accuracy of cutting shapes.

**Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school. Thank-you for your cooperation.**