

August 27, 2010

Dear Parents,

We have finished a full week of school and are trying to get a routine down. I would like to invite you to the PTO Potluck next Wednesday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. It will be in the church hall. Afterwards you will have a chance to visit the classroom.

Each week I will cover in the newsletter things we have been learning and I may ask for items or help with a certain project. Please be sure to read the newsletter for upcoming events and look at your child's work each Friday.

In religion, we have gone to Mass several times. The students are practicing their sign of cross and when to kneel and stand in Mass. We are also going up for a blessing at Communion time. Please reinforce what we are learning at school Masses when you attend on Saturday or Sunday. In religion class we are learning about how God made us unique and special. We will continue to learn about this next week.

We have read the book *The Little School Bus* in reading class and discussed what a character in a story is. The story also introduced rhyming words such as the pig with a wig or the goat with a coat.

The students are learning the letter C for their first letterbook. It will take us awhile to complete the first few letterbooks. In each individual book the students will be introduced to the letter, the sound and eventually learn words and short stories. We will cover each letter but not do them in ABC order.

In math class we have learned about numbers and have reviewed through songs, books and games the numbers 1-10. Right now we are exploring and playing with the manipulatives that we will be using for math stations.

In social studies we are learning about coming to school, making new friends and using our manners. Right now we are learning to use our manners and follow rules. I will be sending home my discipline plan next week and begin to use it after Labor Day.

Remember, transition from Preschool to Kindergarten is a big step. Your child is going to school all day and learning many new things. They will come home very tired and will require a good night's sleep. It usually takes a couple of weeks to get into a routine. I appreciate all that you do to help make school run smoothly for your child. Have a good weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week at Open House.

