

# Classroom News

WEEK OF AUG 26, 2024

## News & Upcoming

What a great first few weeks of school we have had! Expectations and classroom rules have been established. The kiddos are doing well and adjusting beautifully. We will begin our phonics and spelling curriculum next week. I will send out an email at the end of the week with more details as to how you can help your child to be as successful as they can be with the program. Please continue to initial your child's assignment notebook and complete the 10 minute reading log daily.

I am looking for a room parent to assist with special events and parties. Examples would be All Saints Day, Christmas, and Valentine's Day. Events and celebrations of Catholic Schools Week would be another opportunity. Let me know if you would be interested in helping.

I would also extend the invitation to come to school and be a guest reader to the class. We can set up a day and time for you to read to the students and maybe share your child's favorite books.

#### Homework

Your child will be receiving a little bit of math and reading homework this week. You can find vocabulary words in a ziplock bag in the zipper pouch in your child's binder. Please have your child review the words nightly. You can make them into a matching game which the kids enjoy. There will be an evaluation on the vocabulary words and a comprehension assessment at the end of the week on the story My Family.

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### What we are

#### Learning

Religion–We have been discussing what it means to be made in God's image. We are made to use our intellect, to make choices, and to love. We will be starting our virtue lessons next week.

Math-We practiced everyday last week learning how to complete and cycle through learning centers. We took a lot of time learning about expectations while taking part in center activities. These skills are essential for the students to work independently or in small groups while I take turns giving both grades separate math instruction. Please reiterate at home its necessity. Both grades have been introduced to corresponding math text and we have had short math lessons.

Reading- We are reading the story My Family. Our lessons will focus on simple sentences & narrative writing.

Handwriting–We are using *Handwriting Without* or curriculum to introduce the students to cursive writing. This is new to both me and the students. I am hoping the lack of tears will refer to both the students and myself.