

April 9, 2010

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

The big excitement this week at school is of course the annual auction! This year the kindergarten class, with the help of some talented moms, (thanks Jennifer and Debbie) have designed the motif for a nature themed toy box. Our class basket is also sure to be a big hit thanks to your generous donations and Janyce's hard work. We are looking forward to this fun event and hope to see many of you there!

We have started our next unit in math. We are working on understanding the meaning of numbers 1 through 30. We will be exploring various fun activities to be sure that the children fully comprehend this number sense, place value, and sequence.

God's News this week focused on the stories of what happened next after Easter. The children heard of how Jesus appeared to the women at the tomb, to two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and to the room full of his friends. We enjoyed acting out some of these events and learned new songs that help bring these stories to life!

Our new power words for this week are: **little** and **said**. Be sure to add these to your child's flash cards and word list. Next week's letter sound is **short U**. Please have your child bring in a soundboard item with the short u sound either at the beginning as in umbrella, or in the middles as in tub, bug or duck.

In Science we are starting our unit on plants. We will be growing bean plants and noting the progress of the plant's development. This is one of our favorite units because the children seem to delight in the act of observation! We enjoy seeing the wonder of nature through their eyes. We hope that you will have fun with this unit too.

Congratulations and blessings to Eric H. and Eric S. as they are now full members of the Catholic community during the Easter vigil. Macy and Erica are so proud of their dads.

Note: Now that spring is here the children are allowed to wear navy blue knee length uniform style shorts.

*Remember that we are still collecting food items for St. Vincent de Paul pantry. Please continue to send in food items, etc. as this outreach project runs all year long. It is a great way to teach our children the importance of sharing with those who are less fortunate.

*Next Wednesday is our all school Easter Mass. All are welcome to join us in this celebration at 10:30 in our usual place in church. Remember that Wednesday will be Sunday best free dress.

Have a great weekend!

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