

April 30, 2010

Dear Parents,

Progress reports are coming home next week. I ask that you review it with your child and return the signed report to me as soon as you can.

We have started Family Life. We will cover the following topics: we are God's special creation, I am special, likes and dislikes, our feelings, growing and changing, my family, roles of family members, friendship, love, respect for the human body (in simple detail using appropriate terms), new life (babies), what a promise is, making choices and being a member of the world we live in.

Topics to be covered this month are as follows:

Religion - Forgiveness, Prayer, Family Life

Building Character- Generosity

Math - Addition/Subtraction Facts to 20, Graphs, Money

Science - Weather and Seasons

Social Studies - Celebrate Cultures

Reading

Phonics/Spelling: suffixes -ly and -ful, /ou/ spelled ow, /u/ spelled oo, /oi/ spelled oi and oy

Comprehension: cause and effect, compare and contrast, main idea and details

Vocabulary: antonyms, synonyms, classifying words, multiple-meaning words

Writing: realistic stories, animal fantasy, informational story

Grammar: adjectives that compare, commands, how sentences begin and end, pronouns

Share topics for May:

Week of May 3rd: something that reminds you of Mom

Week of May 10th: something colorful

Week of May 17th: reminder of summer

Week of May 24th: free choice

A number of students are in need of some basic supplies such as pencils. Please check with your child to see if he/she needs anything to get through the remainder of the school year. Thank you!

This weekend, our second graders will be receiving their First Holy Communion. I ask that you keep them in your prayers as they receive this sacred sacrament for the first time. Just think...your children will be a part of this next year!

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS! This is a reminder that the first and seventh graders are in charge of the charity drive this month. Each class is in charge of collecting a particular item to be used for care packages that will be sent to soldiers. First grade will be collecting Powerbars and granola bars. We are also in need of large Ziploc bags and books/magazines. Feel free to send in items at any time. The drive ends on May 14th.

We will be having Senior Lunch this month on May 21st. Look for more information to come from the parents helping to organize this fun event!

Thank you for the gift cards and delicious cookies for my birthday. The children were so excited to celebrate with me! We had a fun day together!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Julie Brand