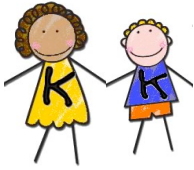


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Dear Parents,

It was so nice to see you all at the Kindergarten Parent Orientation Night on Monday! I really enjoyed the Welcome Dinner as well; it was great getting to know you. The first three days in Kindergarten were very busy but fun days! The children began learning the classroom rules and school rules, practiced lining up, and even toured the school stopping in the office to visit with Mrs. Edens, our new secretary, Mrs. Walker, Vice Principal, Mrs. Zappelli, and spent some time with Miss Carroll as they visited her office. She took time to talk with every child to see how his/her day was going, and showed the children the Birthday Bucket where they will pick a surprise on their birthday or half-birthday. A few students even found her xylophones and played some tunes. During their school tour kindergarten also viewed the library, grades 1 through 8, the mesmerizing computer lab where Mrs. Haining teaches her wonderful computer classes, and Mr. Meyer's "science lab" which was also an extremely exciting place for them! Go science! Some children even got to touch his prickly puffer fish. Your children were ecstatic when I introduced our new Smart Board.

Thursday the children had their first P.E. day. They had so much fun! Miss Hrstich is great! Throughout the day they also heard various stories about listening to learn, being kind to others, and the beauty found in our differences. Your children drew their first self-portrait, which you will find in this Friday envelope. Friday the children had their first lesson on Sunday's gospel about following "God's Law" which we related to the importance of following classroom and playground rules. They began learning the "Good Morning Song," tried out the Smart Board, and had their first Art class with Mrs. Ellefritz.

The first prayers the children will be learning are the "Sign of the Cross" and the "Our Father." We say these prayers in the morning with the entire school over the P.A. and in the afternoon before the children leave. I ask that you start going over the words to these prayers at home for extra practice so that your child feels comfortable when we say the prayers together at school.

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Next week the children will start taking turns with "Kinderbear" and "Special Person." Those that are selected to take Kinderbear home will have a sticker on their cubby and get to take the special Kinderbear Bag home. The child selected for Special Person will receive a half-slip and questionnaire in his/her Friday Envelope.

Have an outstanding weekend!

Sincerely,

~Miss O'Rourke

**Notes from Miss O'Rourke:**

Baking for Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

- You are asked to bake 1 dozen cookies (per family).
- Please drop them off on Tuesday morning in the school office or bring them along on Tuesday night. Thank you!