

# "Coach's Corner"



**May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

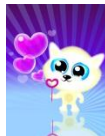
Thanks to all the parents who helped with Field Day on Friday. Mrs. Robbins said it was a great day and was glad to have the extra hands. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank our parents for the love and support you offer!

Parents,

I need to begin my newsletter with a (late) note about "Be Kind To Animal Week." This annual drive began last week and it will continue through tomorrow. (We didn't find out about it until after I posted my newsletter last week.) In case you are wondering, we collect pet supplies for the Humane Society every year. Our favorite pet lover and good friend Betty Overstreet will be here tomorrow to collect and deliver our donations.

If you have any items you would like to donate, please send any of the following: **dog/cat treats, cat litter, dog/cat toys, used blankets/towels, paper towels, cotton balls, Ziploc bags.**

Students who donate an item will be eligible for a drawing for a stuffed animal. The winner of the drawing will be announced during our morning newscast on Wednesday. Thanks in advance for the donation.



You are the cat's meow!



UNIFORM PASSES CANNOT BE USED DAYS WE ATTEND CHURCH.  
THIS WILL INCLUDE TUESDAY, FOR THE MAY PROCESSION. THANKS!!

The Rosaries turned out great! Thank you for your patience and help. We used them in class today and the kids seemed to understand that they are used to help us pray. The most important thing for the students to understand is that a rosary is not a necklace and it is not a toy. We practiced praying the rosary today in class and the students did a great job. They will be asked to name at least two prayers that we say when using the rosary. I know they can already do it! Tomorrow we will be joining the rest of the school for the May Procession at 1:30. Join us if you can!



The ABC Books are due Friday. Several parents have asked if the students are allowed to kidspell, or should a parent help spell for the child (especially since these books will be read by our Kindergarten students next year)? My answer is...whatever makes life easy for you!! I know how hard end of the year projects can be. As long as the student is doing the writing and making his/her best effort, it will be fine!

Mrs. Herbert, the librarian, needs to finalize all outstanding books. If you cannot find a book or will not be able to return a book that your child borrowed, please contact Mrs. Herbert to find out what the fine is for the book. You can email her at [therbert@stgabriel.net](mailto:therbert@stgabriel.net) Thanks for helping with this important end of the year task.

Also, I have been asked to make a plug for VBS. I usually volunteer for this special summer event as it is a great way to meet some of next year's students. Unfortunately, I do not think we will be having preschoolers attending VBS this year:

**To be able to offer the Preschool version of SKY VBS this year for ages 3 – 5. (Turning 3 by July 1, 2012 and fully potty trained through 5 year olds who are NOT entering Kindergarten in the fall) we need a Preschool VBS Director. This person must also help to find 4 additional adult Station Leaders who will be in charge of the areas that the preschool children will rotate to each day. Without these volunteers in place in time to plan and organize for our VBS we will not be able accommodate our younger ones. The cut off to have had these in place has past. We are still hopeful that someone will step forward and if they do by May 21<sup>st</sup> we will begin signing up preschool children. If you are interested please contact Cyndi in the parish office – 239-5481 or [cmalrow@stgabriel.net](mailto:cmalrow@stgabriel.net).**

# This week in Team News

**Monday:** NINE more days of Kindergarten...impossible!!

**Tuesday:** All Kindergarten students will be moving up to first grade for a short visit. The students will spend about 45 minutes in first grade to see how things are done. My class will be split into three groups; each group will visit a first grade teacher/class. 😊 **Be sure to ask how your child liked first grade!**

May Procession begins at 1:30

**Wednesday:** A regular day...really? Are you sure???

**Thursday: Talent Show begins at 12:30 in the gym**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN SHOWN**

**She will be performing in the talent show on Thursday!**

**Friday:** Walk-a-thon awards will be in the gym at 1:00 (ish). This is a very loud event and students should be warned that not every child will have his/her name drawn out of a hat for a walk a thon prize. I usually try to bring some treats for the entire class to share so there are no tears on this day. It is also crazy/hat and sock day. For a \$1 donation your child may wear a crazy hat or crazy socks to school. The student council will collect the money first thing Friday a.m.

Next week we would like to welcome the four-legged members of our families and celebrate PET DAY at school. I will send home a letter detailing the specifics of this event, but in case you want/need to put it on your calendar, our class will be visiting with our animal friends on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. I would like to do this from 1:30-2:15. If you plan to attend with a pet, there will be a form to return with the information I will send home. All pets are welcomed! If your child has a fear of animals, we will approach that with care and it will also be addressed in the information being sent home later this week.





### Upcoming School Events:



**Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup>:** May Procession at 1:30

**Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>:** Talent Show in the gym at 12:30

**Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>:** Walk-a-Thon Awards in the gym/For \$1 CRAZY HAT and SOCK DAY sponsored by the Student Council—students must be in uniform

**Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Pet Day for our class-(1:30-2:15)

See next week's newsletter for more details!

**Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>:** Last Day of School 11:00 Dismissal

### Sight Words for this Week:

comprehensive review and test



### Skills Covered this Week:



Letter/sound recognition: Ww, Xx, Yy, Zz letter study, Continue identifying coins and value of each, Blessed Virgin Mary, and praying the Rosary



### Homework:



HOMework is due the day after it is assigned unless noted otherwise.

**MONDAY:** Return all baggie books, library books, and classbooks

**TUESDAY:** Continue to work on ABC Books/Sight word test on Wed.

**WEDNESDAY:** Study the coins and their values (penny, nickel, dime, quarter)

**THURSDAY:** Coin assessment today

**FRIDAY:** ABC BOOK due today



## **Special Notes and PTSO NEWS:**



### VBS INFORMATION

During one week in July St. Gabriel will take off for the clouds as we soar to **“SKY – Where everything is possible with God.”** This year’s VBS is for children in grades Kindergarten through the Sixth grade (grade entering in the fall) VBS takes place **9:30 AM – 12:30 PM** Monday through Friday with a special music presentation and power point slide show on Friday. Cost is only \$20 per child.

Have happy days!

**Beth Macaluso**

**Cindy Robbins**