

January 30, 2012

Dear Parents,

Have you taken a look at this week's school calendar??? It looks like we are going to be spending most of our time in church for the next few days. We had the Catholic School Mass today, will return to mass Thursday for "Presentation of the Lord" Mass and on Friday we will go back to get our throats blessed during the "Feast of St. Blaise". These are the school-wide activities plus kindergarten kids will be in church several times during the week practicing for our Love Mass. So far, the children are doing great on the readings and songs for the mass. Only two more weeks before the big day!

A big "thank you" to Mrs. Pastin and Mrs. Poenie for helping out last week in the classroom. Also, Mr. Pastin donated lots of cowboy hats to be used for our western photographs last week. The kids looked great in these pictures! Try to attend the Taste so you can see these photos.

Mrs. Poenie has volunteered to plan the Valentine's party. Please contact her if you would like to help with the party in any way.

On Wednesday, we will have our Parent Open House. You may come to school to join in on our class activities from 8:00 until 10:00 in the morning. If you would like to stay and have lunch with your kindergartner at 10:50, please let us know so we can turn in your lunch order. Things we plan to do with you that day is to have a guessing game with "Jj" words, you will get to see our calendar time, participate in a book activity, and, this time is our snack time so you will be able to witness the chaos there. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday.

This Friday is Student Appreciation Day. Students may come out of uniform in their favorite shirts and jeans. No sweats are allowed. We will have a Pep Rally in the gym at 1:15 to end the day. Friday is also the day we plan to celebrate 100th Day activities with the kids.

On Tuesday of this week, we will travel down to Preschool to read our baggie books to the four-year-olds in Ms. Megan's class. We were invited down last week to share these with Ms. Tabitha's class. It's funny to watch the kindergartners with the younger kids. They are so grown-up and mature!

It is not too late to order a school yearbook. Please send in the form with a check for \$15 made out to St. Gabriel if you are interested in ordering one. Let us know if you need a new form sent home.

With all of the scheduled activities this week, our work in the classroom will be limited. We are continuing with the letter Jj. One of the things we do with this letter is to meet up with Mrs. Sweeney's fourth grade class and read Bible stories about Jesus together. A math activity for the week is to begin working on number word recognition. Our curriculum expectations are for the students to recognize the number words from zero to twelve. Our sight words for this week will be the words: **zero, one, two, three, four, five**. The scores on the assessment on these 13 words will be counted as a Math grade as well as a reading grade. We will let you know when those assessments are coming up.

Our homework and things to remember for the week are:

Tuesday – J Sheet

Wednesday – Counting sheet

Open House Day from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

This should be our real 100th Day of School

Thursday- “If I Had a Hundred Dollars” Sheet

Friday-No Homework due to Student Appreciation Day. Be sure to take that uniform break! In class we are working on 100 day things.

Please don't forget that the baby gift for our mass will be due on next Tuesday, February 7th. We hope you have a nice week ahead.

Sincerely,

Mary and Holly