

## Kindergarten News

Can you believe that in three school days your child will officially be a First Grader? It seems like only yesterday when you walked in the doors with your child, ready to start the new school year!

In Religion, we read several different Bible stories. We also read through a prayer book. The children were very excited when they realized they knew all but one of the prayers. We have also been working very hard preparing for our promotion ceremony.

This week we continued to study butterflies and other animals. The children worked very hard on their animal books and they were very happy to bring them home on Thursday.

In Math, we completed our chapter on the numbers to 100. They did a nice job on their tests. The children will continue practicing skip counting and learning about odd and even numbers. They will be bringing home their math packets next week. Please hold on to them and review them over the summer. Just a few minutes a day of review can make all the difference in First Grade!

You should have received a coloring book about the life of Jesus in the Thursday envelope. Like the other coloring books sent home through out the school year, it is a tool for your child to practice reading and reviewing the story of Jesus. You should have also received a packet of Math worksheets. These pages should be a review of the skills we have worked on throughout the school year, but also provide a bit of a challenge for them as well. Both of these can be used throughout the summer to review and prepare for First Grade.

**Please make sure that your child has their backpack every day next week, even Thursday. The children will come to school at their regular time every day, including Thursday.**

On Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the children do not have to wear their uniforms. They may wear appropriate clothes for our picnic. Please make sure they wear gym shoes. You should have received a note about wearing assigned colors for the picnic, please try to have your child wear their assigned color shirt. Parents do not attend the picnic, except for those who signed up to help at the beginning of the year.

On Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the children should dress up for the promotion ceremony. Typically the girls wear a nice skirt and blouse or dress and the boys wear nice pants and shirt. If you have any

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questions on what your child should wear that day, please contact me.

**After the ceremony on Thursday, make sure you return to the classroom to pick-up your child's backpack.**

I want to take a moment to express my sincere thanks to every one of you. This year has been a unique experience that I hope can be repeated. I have never had a group of parents so committed to the school and each other! The bonds I have witnessed seem to be bonds that will last a lifetime. Everything ran so smoothly and every time I asked you for help I had an overwhelming response. You have made this school year a truly enjoyable experience. You supported me in every way possible. I hope you and your child have enjoyed their Kindergarten experience as much as I have! The success we have had this school year would not have been possible without all of you!

Please feel free to stop by to say "Hi" anytime during the rest of your child's career at St. Mary's School. I have been truly blessed to have such a wonderful class of children and parents. Thank you for everything!

The children have made a tremendous amount of growth throughout the school year. They have grown socially, emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually. The children have exceeded every expectation and met every challenge with a smile and enthusiasm. It truly was a pleasure to come to school everyday. We couldn't have made all of this growth without your support. Thank you!

**Next Week:** Spring, End-of-the-Year  
Monday: No School  
Wednesday: Kindergarten Picnic  
Thursday: 9:30 Promotion Ceremony in Main Hall  
(Children arrive at normal time with backpacks)  
Parents bring your cameras and tissues