



Mrs. Schwertner's News
August 29, 2008

We have again been very busy in our 3/4K class this week. In religion we learned who friends are: friends are classmates, cousins, parents, etc. We also learned that God gave us these friends. We learned how to be good friends: good friends share and take turns. We are still practicing our prayers; they are learning more of the Our Father every day; you can practice at home and see how much they are learning. We have now visited the church twice. On Tuesday we attended the very beginning of Mass and the children did a very good job entering the church. While in church this weekend, show your child how to bless him/herself as he/she enters the church and also remind them that the kneeler is not a toy.

We have still been learning how we need to behave in class. We have also been learning how to walk in a straight line. You can practice with your child: we walk in a train by putting our hands on the shoulders of the person in front of us, and we walk slowly so that we can be safe. We have been practicing staying seated on the rug during circle time and read aloud. You can also practice this with your child: sit on the floor Indian style (we now call this criss cross applesauce) with your hands in your lap. Please help me to remind your child that if your child is frustrated with another student not to hit, pinch or push, but instead ask the person to "Please leave me alone!" We also had our first fire drill this week. I was very proud of all of my students; they did not panic and were very quiet, so that they could hear and would know what to do. You may want to remind your child that our fire drills are just practice so that we can be safe, and that there is not really a fire, the thought of there being a fire seemed to concern a few of them.

Reminders:

- Thank you to Mary Allison's family for providing snacks for the last two weeks.
- Next week snacks will be provided by the teacher.
- Also please remember to send your child's blanket back to school on Monday mornings so that they have it for nap.
- I will start sending out Oops notes next week, so please review the student handbook and make sure that you are following it. Remember that there is to be no nail polish and no shoes that light up. Socks need to be a solid color (black, navy blue, or white). Also you need to start dressing for Mass on Tuesdays even though we do not attend Mass yet, it will still be good practice if we start dressing for Mass now.
- I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that when you drop off your son/daughter at school in the morning even though it may still be a little upsetting for you and or your child, I assure you that if they are still very upset 30 minutes after you leave I will have the office contact you. Sometimes the quicker your exit, the easier it is on your child.

Some great snack ideas are small crackers, any type of dry cereal, chips, fruit, gummy fruit snacks made from real fruit juice, and anything else that can be served quickly and that won't make a sticky mess. Please keep in mind that I serve the snacks to 14 students, and if I have to open or unwrap individual items, your child will then have less time to eat them before the bell rings to release us for the day.

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