

Second Grade News April 28, 2017

Classroom News

First Communion is here! I can't wait to see you all this weekend.

Requests:

Sometime after First Communion will you please email me a picture of your child? We will be using it to do a writing project.

I am also requesting a family picture. I need this for a SURPRISE! ☺

Second grade will be building a habitat in Maker Space for the next couple of weeks. In order to do this project, every second grader needs to bring in a shoebox or a shoebox-sized box. Please bring in a shoebox by Wednesday, May 10th.

Speech Festival:

The Speech Festival is coming up! Annually, Cathedral hosts a speech festival in June. We will continue this tradition with each class performing a group chorale piece on June 8th. Parents are invited to watch the chorale performances (in the afternoon, times are TBD). Along with this, students kindergarten through 8th grade, will participate individually in the classroom. Pre-kindergarten students can choose whether they would like to participate in their classroom.

Start thinking about a piece your student can memorize- a poem, part of a favorite story, part of a speech... From this, 3 students will be selected to share their piece in front of the whole school on June 8th. Student's individual selections are due by May 12th and will be presented to the classroom during the week of May 22nd. More information will be coming soon!

Please see the attached documents for more information as well as the sign up form. The sign up form and a copy of the speech selection should be sent to the classroom by May 12th.

First Communion weekend run down (I left the weekend run down on here for your reference):

I am looking forward to First Communion; it is my favorite time of year!

The retreat is Saturday, May 6th from 9:00am - 12:00pm. This is a time for parent(s) to spend with their child. Please make arrangements for siblings during this time. We will first gather in the church. Names will be drawn for pew assignments. From there you will be divided into three different groups. Each group is starting with a different activity. All stations will take about 30 minutes. Each group will rotate through to participate in every activity.

At the end we will gather again in the church to practice the kids' song and go over procedures as a whole group. Picture packets will be handed out at this time as well.

Families are asked to bring some things to share on Saturday. Items are divided up. I have attached a class list with what you are asked to bring.

We would like all items to be brought to school by Thursday morning. If you are asked to bring grapes or bread, please bring them in a Ziploc bag to keep them fresh.

The type of bread and grapes are not important. A variety is always nice.

There is NO dress code for Saturday. It's free dress! (I will be wearing jeans.)

On Sunday, please arrive no later than 8:30 for pictures. We will gather in the courtyard. There is a 7:30 Mass, so if you plan on getting there earlier than 8:30 you will not be able to get to your seat in the church. I know this is an exciting time in your child's life, but please remind them to be reverent in the church. If they want to talk to their friends, please "hang out" in the courtyard area.

Your child's banner will be on the pew they were assigned on Saturday. (Remember I can't get in to hang them up until after 7:30 Mass.)

At about 8:50 adults will find their seats and students will stay in the entryway to be part of the procession.

You will have a better understanding of how Sunday will go after the retreat tomorrow.

There is a planned reception after Mass. This party is organized by 3rd grade parents to honor the kids who just received their 1st Communion. There will be cake and punch served after Mass. This will either take place in the church courtyard or in the school gym depending on the rain. PRAYING FOR SUN!

Sunday attire for boys is dress pants, dress shirt, and dress shoes. A tie and jacket is up to you. The only thing we ask is they don't wear tennis shoes. I don't think there are any questions on what girls are to wear.

I think I have covered everything. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

- Supper of the Lamb
- Jesus Feeds Us
- Holy Communion
- Our Catholic Life

Reading

Poetry

Writing

Continue Ecosystem partner writing - organization of facts

Math

- Estimating Sums and Differences
- Problem solving, try, check and revise
- Reteach and enrichment
- Assessment

Science/Social Studies

- Habitats

Upcoming Events**May 6**

Retreat 9:00-12:00

May 7

First Communion

May 10

All School Rosary

May 15

Mass led by second grade