## **Kindergarten News**

## **Classroom News**

Attention all mothers! In honor of Mother's Day, the kindergarteners would like to invite you to join us for a little treat on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:15-8:35. We hope you can join us for a special visit for you and your kindergartner.

We are gearing up for the Speech Festival. All students will participate individually. Your child's selection is due to the classroom next Friday along with the sign up form. Some great sources to find speeches are prayers, a page or two from a favorite book, a funny poem, the Internet... There is more information attached.

### **Curriculum Focus for Next Week**

## Religion

We are reading the bible story about being a good neighbor. We are practicing being empathetic and thoughtful of others. We are encouraging the students to report and recognize kindness in others.

## Language Arts

We continue to learn about summarizing and synthesizing. This means that we tell the important parts of the story with our own words. The students are practicing this with stories as well as with non-fiction.

In writing, we are polishing our skills with a focus on writing some high frequency words correctly, writing neatly, and adding details to our stories.

## Math

We are working on sorting objects by various attributes. The students are working on sorting the same groups of objects in various ways- by size, shape, and color.

#### Science

We have built terrariums and will observe how our sunflowers grow. We are working on a special surprise for moms, too!

## **School News**

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 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

# **Upcoming Events**

5/12- Mother's Day sweet treat, 8:15

5/12- Speech Festival selections due

5/17-5/18- Middle School play

5/24- POW

5/26- half day, 11:30 dismissal

5/29- No school, Memorial Day

5/31- Mass