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Kindergarten Registration

We are very excited that beginning September 2010 our Junior Kindergarten Program will become full day! Research indicates that early intervention has a profound impact on future development and success. Full day kindergarten will provide a smoother transition to the next grade and help children develop the social and academic skills necessary to succeed in school and in life. If you have a child who will be four years old by December 31, 2010 please call the office for more information. Please pass this wonderful information on to anyone who has children eligible for school.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is usually observed as a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Here at St. Mark we will continue to pray for each other, for family members and above all, for peace. We are also asking the students to fast from behaviours that might be less than admirable, by trying to play less aggressively, to speak more kindly and respectfully to each other and to do something nice for someone every day. These are ways we can become not only closer to Jesus, but more like Jesus!

Awards Day

Awards Day will take place on February 24th. We will be having a Hot Lunch for the students and the Theme today is Sports.

Virtue of the Month

This month, we will be talking about the virtue of Compassion. We will teach students the meaning of compassion and its importance in our daily lives. Jesus is our role model for compassion, so we will remind students how he continually opened his heart,

especially to the weak and vulnerable. We will remind students to be helpful to others, to notice when someone is lonely and to reach out to show that they care.

Winter Weather

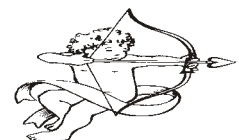
Please ensure that you child is dressed appropriately for the winter weather. Required clothing should include the following: hat, mittens, warm coat, snow pants and winter boots. Once again, safety is our primary concern.

Parent Corner - Developing writing skills

Like reading or anything else worthwhile, the best way to help your child improve their writing skills is through practice. Find fun ways to build vocabulary together such as: solving crossword puzzles, guess the meaning of personalized licence plates, playing word games, analyzing song lyrics, etc. Encourage your child to write as much as possible by creating a variety of different compositions:

- ★ emails
- ★ shopping lists
- ★ wish lists
- ★ songs/poems/raps
- ★ journals/diaries
- ★ invitations
- ★ jokes
- ★ letters to friends

This month have your child complete their own valentine cards for the class.



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