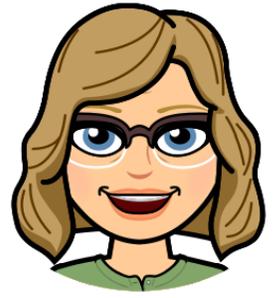


Mrs. Mercurio's Weekly Info

Aug 25-27, 2021



St. Joseph Mission Statement

St. Joseph Catholic School is a Catholic community that helps all persons grow to the fullness of their potential in faith and knowledge.

This Week:

Wednesday

- First day of school
- Half day; dismissal at 11:30 (no lunch is needed, but have your child bring a snack)

Thursday

- Regular day; arrival 7:45-8:00, dismissal 3:10
- Send snack and lunch with your child

Friday

- 8:30 Mass; all are welcome! Christian and Rita will hold the response banner during Mass

What We Are Learning This Week:

**Learning to adjust to kindergarten, becoming confident and independent, learning our routine, rules, and expectations, meeting new teachers and friends, and learning where things are in the school building will be our main goals for the beginning of school. We will also practice and review the following for our subject areas:

Language Arts:

Listen to and discuss stories about school, learning about rhymes, practice writing our names, practicing names of letters of the alphabet, learning to recognize friends' names

Math:

Practicing counting, practicing names of numbers, recognizing numbers

Religion:

Discussing how God made all things; learning about our Prayer Circle; Mass

Science:

Learning about our senses

Social Studies:

Culture: Friends and Family

Reminders and Info:

- See email from Amy Cousino about ordering gym shirts and class shirts. The portal will be open until September 1. There are also uniform shirts and sweatshirts available. **Take note: regular crew neck sweatshirts may be worn over uniform shirts during the school day in cooler weather. The hooded sweatshirts are not part of the regular uniform; they can be worn at school on jeans days only.**
- When sending anything to school, please use your child's home to school folder; it will be in their bookbag after the first day.
- When sending money or other items to school, please make sure it is in an envelope or baggie and labeled with your child's name and what the contents are for (please don't have your child just tell me...sometimes they forget!)
- Send a healthy snack each day. In addition to the morning snack, there is an optional snack time in the afternoon during Kid's Choice time when your child may choose to eat. They can eat something left from lunch, a snack they have brought in, or I will have Saltine crackers they may have. Your child may bring a water bottle for the day.
- If parking for arrival and dismissal, you may park along the building by the gym and across the street from the front of the school. There is no parking allowed by the tree behind the school, or in the teacher's parking lot.
- The daily class helper is listed on the monthly calendar that was emailed. Your child may bring in a show and tell item on their helping day.
- It may be a good idea to keep a change of clothes (uniform) in your child's bookbag, just in case!

Teacher Tips:

If children are apprehensive or nervous about school:

- Help them by reassuring them; let them know you know they will do fine. When you are confident in their abilities, it will ease their minds.
- Be firm but loving. If they don't want to go, let them know that they have to go, but reassure them you will be back to pick them up. Remind them there will be many fun things to do and learn about.
- As always, let me know if you have any questions!

