



St. Charles Catholic School  
**Kindergarten News**  
October 5, 2018

Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week in kindergarten and I am seeing a lot of improvements in all skill areas! We have an alphabet song and exercise that we practice each day and students are learning how to "arm spell" (break words into sounds) 3 letter words with short vowel sounds (CVC words). We have also been working hard on the first row of our kindergarten sight word list. Students have reading folders with short stories and lists of words that we practice daily. Handwriting skills have greatly improved over the past few weeks, as well. This week we practiced the letter S and reviewed B and T. We have started a list of fall/Halloween words that we will be using to write a classroom Halloween story.

In math we have been learning how to combine numbers to make a sum of 5. We continue to practice counting and students are doing a great job of counting to 100 in English and 20 in Spanish! We are learning number order and are looking at patterns in numbers to 100. Next week we will begin learning the terms and concepts of greater than, less than, and equal to. We will also work with basic addition problems with sums to 5.

We are learning the prayers of the rosary and read about St. Therese, St. Francis and Guardian Angels this week. We have been practicing the Angel of God prayer and Sign of the Cross. We continue to review God's Creation, and looked at different art work of God the Father. We discussed the fact that



St. Francis, pray for us

although we don't know what God looks like, we can see God in others and that we are made in the image of God. We are learning what it means to have faith, and students have been doing a great job of learning and practicing the weekly virtues. We have been working very hard on manners, procedures, following directions and trying to figure out "simple" problems or issues independently, without tattling or complaining first.



We are learning about fire safety and have been practicing fire drills, as well as lockdown drills in the classroom. I know these drills can be scary for kids. I am trying to make them as kid-friendly as possible, yet stressing the importance of the drills in order to keep everyone safe.

**Thank you** for encouraging your child to bring in his/her Charity Day donation for next Monday! Students can still bring in their donation on Monday and may wear non-uniform clothing. Thank you, students AND parents, for your generosity!

A great question came up during parent-teacher conferences regarding a time frame for mastering the kindergarten sight word list! We will work on these words throughout the year, but students do not need to have a list memorized each week, nor do they need to know how to spell them. Ideally, we would like all students to master the list by the end of the year, but students work at different paces. Please continue to practice these words at home as much as possible. Between home and school, we should have no problems mastering these 100 words! Thank you for your help at home!

## Fall Harvest Dinner Dance

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 20! Tickets are on sale for the fall family get-together. Information is also attached. Hope to see you there!



Parents, we are having MAJOR issues with students leaving sweaters, sweatshirts and jackets at school. PLEASE make sure these items are labeled with your child's name, if possible. I am happy to do this at school, as well, but the sweaters have become so mixed-up that I'm not sure how to begin labeling them. I continue to remind students to bring these items home, but they don't always recognize which sweaters are theirs. I do apologize! Please let me know if your child is missing anything.

May God bless you with a wonderful, fall weekend!

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Virtue of the Week

# *Generosity*

Just a reminder...  
Please remember that there is no school or daycare on the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> of October due to professional development.

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