

Kindergarten News

October 9, 2026 



Dear Parents,

What a beautiful week! It is so nice to see the sun and the bright colors of fall! The kids are very excited for Halloween and trunk-or-treat! We have been praying part of the Rosary each morning, and prayed the entire Rosary on Wednesday. Thank you to our 7th/8th grade helpers for praying with us and helping us find the correct beads and prayers. The kids had a great time seeing/petting the pets at Blessing of the Pets. Thank you for bringing your pets in and sharing this special day with us! Next week will be a shorter week, but we will still be working hard! The kids are doing a phenomenal job of learning how to "arm spell" and put sounds together to make words. They are having fun reading, writing and spelling. Some great questions came up during parent-teacher conferences this week! Here are some of those answers....

1. Kids are NOT expected to be reading at this time. Please do not worry if your child is having a hard time with recognizing words and/or not able to blend sounds together. This skill comes at different times for different kids. You will most likely see your child reading shorter "one sentence per page" books by Christmas. At this point they are memorizing a lot of the short stories that come home. This is perfectly OK! When they start memorizing words they are gaining confidence in that fact that they CAN read, and the more words they memorize, the easier it is to take time to sound out the words they don't know. It is very frustrating to have to sound out EVERY word, so if some words are memorized already it just gives the kids that extra "boost" in confidence.
2. Reversal of letters and numbers is VERY common at this stage of development.
3. Kindergarten students DO receive a report card for each of the 4 marking periods. You will find that most of the standards are marked with a "DV" which means your child is still developing this skill.
4. You are ALWAYS welcome to join us for 8:30 Mass on Friday mornings, and you may sit with us OR have your child come sit with you in a different area.
5. Extra practice at home, in the car, at soccer practice, etc. with addition and subtraction facts, spelling words, reading, counting, etc. is very helpful. Just a few minutes of practice each day makes a big difference in the classroom!
6. We will be having our Halloween party on Friday, October 30 beginning around 1:45. More info will be coming home soon!

This week in Kindergarten...

We have been learning basic math facts, practicing the concept of addition, and learning how to use number lines for adding. We are learning that sentences need to start with capital letters and end with a period, question mark or exclamation point. We are learning how to leave spaces in our writing and learning that we read and write from L to R and top to bottom. We are practicing how to read short sentences containing our spelling words, reading our sight words, and learning Spanish colors and numbers. We continue to talk about wants and needs, as well as goods and services. Thank you for sending in shapes for our collection!

We have quite a variety, but would love even more!



Save the Date

October 14- Doughnuts with Dad

October 15 & 16- No School

October 21- School Pictures

October 24- School Dinner/Auction Fundraiser

October 29- Trunk-or-Treat

October 30- Halloween Party



I hope everyone has a beautiful fall weekend!

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Spelling Words

for October 5-October 14

an	can
fan	man
pan	ran
tan	van