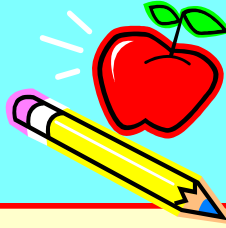




WELCOME
AUTUMN!



Trinity Catholic
Massena, NY

September 16, 2011

Mrs. Doe's Classroom Newsletter

Johnny Appleseed

To help celebrate Johnny Appleseed's birthday many of our activities this week will be centered on apples and the kind and peaceful spirit of Johnny Appleseed himself. We will be reading a lot of great stories, making some apple crafts and even having a yummy apple tasting event in which the children will taste a variety of apples to decide which type is the class favorite.



Puzzle Buzz

I am sending home an order form for an activity book published by the makers of Highlights magazine. Even if you do not wish to order, please sign the back of the form and return to school with your child. Our classroom will receive free educational material...even for "no" responses sent back in. Thank you so much!

Math Test

On either Wednesday or Thursday, the children will be taking their first Math test. This test will be very similar to the nightly homework sheets. They will be asked to write numbers, color in towers to show a specific number and to correctly label a "train" (a tower turned sideways) to show how many "cars" (squares) are a certain color.

Reading

We are finally finishing up our "Alphabet" review and moving right into the first week of our regular Reading Street program. During the next few weeks, our theme will focus on how people and animals are important to one another.

Target Skills of the Week

Phonics- short a and final ck

Comprehension- character

High-Frequency Words- in, on and way

Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers...

Mrs. Chartrand's daughter

Miss Bombard's friend who has just had a stroke

Mrs. Bourdon

This Week's Assignments

This week in Science we will be studying animals, including dinosaurs and pets, as well as astronomy. Children will be required to complete an in-depth science report on the animal of their choice by next Wednesday morning. Our trip to the zoo on Thursday may inspire some creative choices!

We will also work on geometry problems in Math homework. In Social Studies, we will read a book about the culture of the Inuit people, who used to be called Eskimos.

Reminders to Students

- Bring money for field trip lunch
- Bring umbrella in case it rains
- Think of a costume for Friday's assembly



Reminders to Parents

Your child will need the following supplies this year:

1. backpack
2. 3 spiral notebooks
3. 1 box of pencils
4. erasers
5. rulers
6. compass
7. lunch box

This Week's Highlights

Monday

Today we are learning about dinosaurs.

Tuesday

Today we are learning about pets.

Wednesday

Today we are learning about the solar system.

Thursday

Today we are going on a field trip to the zoo.

Friday

Today we have a special guest from the fire department to tell us about fire safety.

Upcoming Events

Classroom Open House

Tuesday, September 6, 7:30 P.M.

Ice Cream Social with the Faculty

Friday, September 9, 5 P.M.

School Assembly

This week's school assembly is on storybook characters. Children may dress up like a character on Thursday. (You might want to bring a change of clothes for the rest of the day.) Costumes can be as simple as a hat or a small picture of your character pinned to your shirt. Have fun.

Thank You Students!

Special thanks are due the following students:

Jay Adams for volunteering to clean up after the fall open house.

Kari Hensien for donating her checkers set to recess.

Alan Shen for baking us his grandmother's chocolate chip cookies last week.

Thank you also to **Ms. Brown** for bringing in the travel posters to decorate for open house.