

April 20, 2011

VALUE: GENTLENESS: “So then, you must put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Colossians 3:12

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that I am writing the last parent letter of this school year. It seems like just yesterday that we were welcoming your child to school on their first day of class. We need to say good bye to some of you hoping that you know you are always welcome to come back and visit us. To the rest of you it's have a good summer and we'll see you in the fall. I want to thank all of you once again for all the time, effort and ideas you have brought to the program. Most especially, I want to thank you for the gift of your child. Thank you for letting us be a part of their lives.

This is a busy month for ALL of us. Please look at your classroom calendar and news. We have made some schedule changes to accommodate Mother's Day Teas. Keep your calendar handy so you can navigate our very busy month of May!

MOTHER'S DAY TEAS: Our regular classes will have Mother's Day Teas May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> while our Science classes do not have teas. Please look at your calendar to see what **day and time** your child's class will have their special day. It would be wonderful to see all of you. If you are unable to attend perhaps Grandma, Aunt or special friend could come to be with your child. We encourage you to make this a special time for you and your preschooler, so it would be great if you could find a sitter for younger children.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS: Your child's last day of school and year end celebration are listed on their calendar. We will have a regular class day with a celebration the last 30 minutes of class. We finish school the week **before** Memorial Day. The last days of class will be Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup>. This timing allows us to thoroughly clean the preschool and find time as a staff to wrap up this year and make some plans for next year.

ALLELUIA PROGRAM: **Our evening music program for those children in the Pre-3, 3's and 3+ classes.** The older classes had their program in January and now it's time for the younger classes to have their program. The program will be on Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm here in the church. Doors open at 6:30 – you may drop off your child to their teacher at 6:45. The program runs between 40 and 45 minutes. We will have refreshments in Marsh Hall after the program. More information will be sent via email.

AUCION: Thanks to all who made the Auction such a success! What a fun Saturday evening for all of us. Special thanks to Jennifer Rex who along with Malissa Olson (staff), the Preschool Board and other wonderful parents put in a few long days to put our event together.

TUITION: This is the last month to pay tuition for this school year. Just a reminder that tuition is due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. I appreciate your diligence in paying tuition. It saves me so much time when I receive your payment by the 10<sup>th</sup>.

SUMMER PROGRAM: Sign ups will be ready next week beginning on Tuesday. Two short weeks will be offered. One is June 1-3 and the other is June 6-9.

RETURNING FAMILIES: For those of you returning to St. John's next year I will be sending out a mailing by mid May. This mailing will be ask for the first months' tuition as well as supply and field trip fees for the 2011-10 school year. These fees will be due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions please let me know.

PLAYGROUND: As the weather gets nicer please feel free to use our playground. You are doing a wonderful job of keeping it clean. Some reminders: continue to clean up before you leave, please close the gate when leaving, do not have your child(ren) swing on the gate and please keep your child(ren) inside the playground with you supervising. Thanks! Afternoons we need to lock up by 3:15! \*For those of you in am school, you are welcome to use the playground after class until the next session starts at 12:30.

Thank you once again for all your support and help during this year. We had a wonderful year! You will receive one more short parent letter as there is always some business to finish up before the end of the year.

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