



Pre-K 2 Newsletter

St. Michael's Catholic Academy

June 1, 2020

Dear Families,

This week we will begin concluding our activities for this school year. We will read books about Kindergarten and talk about all the new and exciting things they will learn in Kindergarten. This can be an anxious time for the children as they prepare to leave their friends and teachers who they have become familiar with. Given the challenges we are facing as a community, be as positive as you can when talking about moving up to Kindergarten with your child. Change is difficult but exciting! Talk enthusiastically about their upcoming new experiences.

Please continue to send pictures of the children engaging in their remote learning activities. We love seeing their smiling faces. For attendance, please view Class Dojo posts daily.

Have a great week!

Ms. Denise, Ms. Becca & Ms. Shania

Monday June 1, 2020

"The Day the Crayons Quit" by Drew Daywalt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=489micE6eHU>

Understanding the School Rules Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RyLzsQKfPb0>

Phonics Song for Kids:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKakY4OQthA>

***Art Enrichment:** Ask your child what their favorite part of the story is and why? The children can draw a picture using their favorite color crayon.

***Movement and Coordination:** Create an obstacle course using stuffed animals, pillows, and various household items. Practice skipping, hopping, crawling, and other movements around the objects.

Tuesday June 2, 2020

"Chrysanthemum" by Kevin Henkes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bmiFyvqPY0A>

Sign Language for Kids:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YjYbopUNQEW>

***Art Enrichment:** Turn on some music and the children can draw what they see in their mind. Parents can ask their children what do they see and feel?

***Have your child write their name in all the colors of the rainbow. Have them count how many letters are in their name.**

Wednesday June 3, 2020

"Look Out Kindergarten Here I Come!" by Nancy Carlson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AHdX9dtb4Y>

The Wheels on the Bus Song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XZX3m06cE>

***Movement and Coordination:** Have a spoon race around your house. Place a cotton ball or a pompom on a spoon and walk around the house. Careful not to let it fall!

***Growing up means going to Kindergarten! Pre-K is almost over, and we must encourage the children to be excited about this next chapter. Kindergarten means learning new things, making new friends, having new teachers, and even maybe going to a new school. Talk to your child about going to Kindergarten, and about how much fun it will be!**

Thursday June 4, 2020

"Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten" by Joseph Slate

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1j3sb-oRi4>

I Can Follow the Rules Song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQxK-Ah7has>

*Play "school" with your child. Practice skills such as raising your hand and waiting to be called on and follow directions like sitting crisscross applesauce and lining up. You can role play using small toys, dolls, or figures. Talk about things to do in school that are good choices. See if your child can help teach the toys how to make good choices in school. Have your child draw a picture of a good choice they can make in school. For example, sitting quietly and listening to a story the teacher is reading or sharing toys with friends.

Friday June 5, 2020

"Countdown to Kindergarten" by Alison McGhee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMIte1HEWXQ>

Classroom Vocabulary Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRCB0QaSEPE>

*Growing up means being responsible! Talk to your child about what it means to be responsible. Being responsible is something that you have a duty to do, and something that you are expected to get done. Talk to your child about the importance of clean up time, and have them help you do a chore at home to instill a sense of responsibility for helping around the house! Have your child draw a picture of clean up time.