January 15, 2018

Dear Kindergarten Families,

In **Religion** the Kindergartners and I have picked/assigned parts for Mass. I try to give the students

different jobs for Mass each time (if possible). Attached is a copy of how your child will help for Mass.

Please never say in front of others how your child will be scared to speak for Mass. For St. John students

this is a normal part of growing. Everyone has some degree of fear and speaking of it will only tend to amplify the fear. If a student is having trouble, I assure them that some amount of worry is normal for things that they do for the first time. I usually think of something that the student was worried about or did it for the first time and had a positive experience to reassure them. I know that there are a few students in this class very excited to use the microphone for the first time.

The Knights of Columbus were able to secure a school visit from an Icon of the Holy Family this Last week. As a class, we prayed the Rosary while gathered around the picture. We talked about writing “JMJ” on top of our school work or tests and asking Jesus, Mary, and Joseph for help with our school work. It just so happened we were on the Chapter 10 in our Religion workbooks which discusses the Holy Family. We compared what our families do and what Jesus’s family may have done.

In **Language Arts/Science** the student thought of proper nouns. We wrote a list on the interactive board

of proper nouns. We reviewed before our Unit 3 test. Mr. Strommen was in the classroom

on Monday and read the story, “Splash” to the students and then discussed different habitats. (I was

observing Mrs. Maerten in first grade.) We took the Unit 3 test and the students did well on it. There are a few students that need a little more practice on sight words. I have the sight words

posted on my Weebly page. Knowing those sight words really helps with reading fluency.

Each year our school participates in the **Zaner-Bloser handwriting contest**, so this week we practiced

printing the sentence, “The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.” I look over the students work and

pick three that I think did the best. Then the other teachers vote for the best entry in each class, without seeing the names on the entries.

In **Math** we have been still working on numbers up to 30, comparing if they are equal, less than, or

greater than another number. Soon we will have a chapter test.

**NWEA Testing**. The students will be taking this test again this week. Hopefully students will be healthy

and well rested for the tests.

**Catholic Schools week** is coming soon! Follow the newsletter for daily happenings. Mrs. Allen will be

sitting with the Kindergartners on the All School Mass on January 28 celebrating Catholic Schools

Week; I will be out of town that weekend.

Thank you families for choosing our school! The Kindergartners are learning more every day. Please tell other families about our school. Word of mouth is always the best way to market our school.

The Kindergarten webpage is http://kindergarten-sjbschool.weebly.com . You can view the

weekly Kindergarten letter on Tuesday each week. I will also email letters to you on Tuesday.

If you have any questions please contact me at (651)437-2644. God Bless You, Love Mrs. Huneke

Patience–Cross

Regan- Good Morning, Welcome to the Kindergarten Mass.

Dani- Bread

Braeden-Wine

Marissa and John- First Reading

Nora and Addy- Responsorial Psalm

Harmon will hold up Responsorial Psalm

Henry- For the Catholic Church throughout the world……we pray to the Lord

Lucas-For people to love the lord and understand his will…..we pray to the Lord

Ethan-For our school that we love each other and grow in faith…we pray to the Lord

Matthew-For those who are sick…we pray to the Lord

Alex-For the dead…we pray to the Lord