



Weekly Update – Week 8

October 13

This is a very busy time in the school year with field trips, conferences, parties, and more. Please make sure you're reading all communication from me, Mrs. McNeilly, and Ms. Amy to ensure that we're all on the same page. If you have questions about any of it, feel free to reach out – I'll do my best to get back to you quickly. If you don't hear right away, don't think you're nagging if you ask again! I'm working on keeping my head on straight and certainly forget things from time to time (okay...all the time! 😊).

CORRECTION

In last week's newsletter I shared that the background check and Virtus training required for participation in events at St. Mary School only needed to be completed once while your child is a student here. I was mistaken! Starting this school year the policy has changed, and Virtus needs to be refreshed every 5 years. While most of the parents in our class are all set for the year, when yours is coming up for renewal, you'll need to complete an abbreviated refresher course. I'm sorry for the miscommunication!

Look at what we're learning!

Math

This week we continued to work on addition strategies. We emphasized our doubles facts and learned a new song. Ask your child to sing the doubles song for you. 😊

Phonics

This week we learned that when a double l comes after the vowels a, o, or u, the vowel sounds change. We also learned that c and k come together at the end of a short vowel word.

Religion

This week we focused on the characteristics of Jesus, diving into the mystery of Jesus being 100% God *and* 100% human. We also learned the four reasons Jesus came: to save us from sin, so we could know God's love, to show us how to be holy, and to give us a share in God's divine life.

We're also learning the Hail Mary prayer as we celebrate the month of the Rosary.

Looking Ahead

- October 15 – Happy Birthday, Colin!
- October 23 – No Bus or Hot Lunch
- October 26 – Virtuous Student Celebration at Mass
- October 27 – Non-Uniform Day
K/I Field Trip to the Country Mill
Halloween Party (afternoon)
End of Term I
- November 1 – No p.m. bus
- November 1-2 – Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 17 – Non-Uniform Day
Happy Birthday, Amelia!

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October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16 Happy Birthday, Colin! (Sunday, Oct. 15) 	17	18	19	20 Fundraiser Due
23	24	25	26	27 Country Mill & Halloween Party
30	31	1 Parent Teacher Conferences	2 Parent Teacher Conferences	3
6	7	8	9	10

Dressing for the Weather

Wow – talk about a quick transition in the seasons! Is it just me or did fall swoop in out of nowhere? With that said, we will be going outside for recess nearly every day (at least that’s what all of the teachers pray for! 😊) and need to make sure students are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Coats or jackets are expected when the temperature is below 60 degrees. Boots or an extra pair of shoes are helpful on wet days. If the grass/playground is especially wet or muddy and students don’t have an extra pair of shoes, they may be asked to stay on the pavement which is almost always guaranteed to cause tears. Help us keep recess fun and comfortable by ensuring your student has appropriate outside attire.

Halloween Party

In previous years, I have loved giving parents the opportunity to help plan our classroom Halloween party. This has looked like a series of stations: one craft and two games. We also take time at the end to share in a snack together.

If you’re interested in leading a station at our Halloween party, please let me know! I promise you it’s low pressure and the kids will love *anything* you throw at them...especially because it’s a break from their teacher’s activities! 😊

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