

HOMEWORK WATCHER

Homework Watcher is used to send important messages, reminders and weekly newsletters via e-mail from me as well as from Mrs. England and other St. Rose members. It is very important that you check your e-mail on a DAILY BASIS. I only send home paper copies if something needs to be signed and returned OR if you do not have an e-mail account. PLEASE inform me of any changes in your e-mail address OR of any computer problems that you may encounter so that I can send information home with your child. Communication between school and home is so important and I want to keep you informed at all times.

BIRTHDAYS

If you would like to send in a birthday treat for your child you may do so. I have tried to schedule our snack calendar so that it's your child's turn to bring in a snack for the class on his/her birthday. Also, I would like to ask that if your child is having a birthday party that you please hand out invitations OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL. I understand that it may not be a possibility for you to invite the whole class; however, this is hard for children to understand and may cause feelings to be hurt. If you are planning on inviting EVERYONE in the class, I will be more than happy to distribute the invitations to the children. Thank you for your understanding!

Please remember that we do have peanut/tree nut allergies in the classroom. Please do not send snacks that contain peanuts or tree nuts.

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

Full Day Kindergarten will begin in January. If we should have a 2 hour delay before this date, our alternate schedule will be 12:00 a.m. – 2:50 p.m. The children will need to eat lunch before coming to school.

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WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

I would like to welcome you and your child to Kindergarten. I will make every effort to keep you informed of what is happening and of upcoming events. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please give me a call or send me a note. If a question or concern is important to you, then it is important to me as well. I feel that communication between school and home provides a more consistent learning environment for your child. Our mornings go by fast so if I don't get a chance to reply to a note you send with your child, I will make every effort to contact you by phone or e-mail in the afternoon or evening. I can be reached by calling the school or by e-mailing me at dboring@stroselions.net.

I am fortunate to have Mrs. Amy Long as my aide. She is a great asset to our Kindergarten program.

CURRICULUM

Our Kindergarten curriculum is based on the Indiana Academic Standards for Kindergarten, and focuses heavily on language arts and math. The curriculum includes: Letter & sound recognition, high frequency word recognition, daily calendar activities, daily morning message, shapes, colors & color words, counting, graphing, sorting, patterning, sequencing, recognition of numbers & number words, letter & number writing, journal writing, developmental & learning centers, whole & small group instruction, hands on learning & use of manipulatives. Our curriculum also includes religion, science and social studies. Students also receive instruction in Art, Music, PE and computers once a week.

MONTHLY GOAL SHEETS

At the beginning of each month, every child will have a "goal sheet" posted in the classroom. There will be five to eight goals for him/her to master during that month. These goals will be academic, but will also include acquiring particular skills and learning traditional prayers. Each child will work at his own rate and will bring the goal sheet home upon completion. The goals will be listed in the newsletter at the beginning of the month, but the actual goal sheet will not be sent home until completed. Reinforcing the goals at home that we are trying to reach at school will be beneficial to your child. A lot of praise and encouragement will be beneficial as well.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Each Kindergartner will be assigned a week to be "Star of the Week." I have made every effort to make your child's week close to his/her birthday. However, we have some children that share the same birthday week and even some on the same day. If your child's birthday was in the summer, we will celebrate ½ birthdays. The week before your child is "Star of the Week" a packet (with further explanation) will be sent home to let you know your turn is coming up. Each child gets to decorate one of our classroom doors to celebrate their SPECIAL week. This is a great way for parents to help celebrate with their child. You and your child can decorate the whole door so everyone gets a chance to see just how SPECIAL they are to all of us here at St. Rose.

FRIDAY FOLDERS

At the end of each week your child will bring home his/her Friday folder (red). I send my weekly newsletter home every Friday via Homework Watcher,

however, you will find a copy in your child's Friday folder if you do NOT have e-mail. The folder will also include papers your child has done at school and any other important information that I may need to send home. I encourage you to look through the papers and discuss them with your child. Praise them for their good work and give them encouragement or guidance where needed. Please sign the sheet inside of the Friday folder and return it on Monday.

"BEE" HAVIOR CHART

Each child has a "bee" with his/her name on it. Every day the children begin with their bee up. We create a list of classroom rules. If one of our classroom rules is broken or if a child is being disruptive, they will remove their bee and put up a yellow ticket. The first yellow ticket (marked 1) is a warning and hopefully will help to redirect them to get back on task. If the behavior continues, a second yellow ticket (marked 2) is put up. This yellow ticket will result in a time out (or loss of free time) and we will discuss how we can avoid this from happening again. Once again, if the behavior continues, a red ticket will be put up. IF a child receives a red ticket, a note will be sent home for you to discuss with your child. The note will need to be signed and returned the next day. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE ALL HUMAN AND MAKE MISTAKES. I try to point out my mistakes to the children as well. The children are encouraged every day to BE THE BEST STUDENTS THEY CAN BE! We are all going to have a "bad" day from time to time. At the end of the week if the children have kept his/her bee up for AT LEAST 3 of the 5 days, they will receive a "golden honeybee coin." The children will keep the coins they have earned and at the end of the month they will be able to use these coins to "buy" a prize from the treasure box.