



MGC K4 News

September 2017



The first day of school is very close for the K4 students! The month of September will focus on getting to know each other, the rules and routines of K4, and feelings/emotions. Our project of exploration for September will be apples. It will be incorporated into all areas of the curriculum. The K4 curriculum is cross-curricular which means that the children will be learning several things in different subject areas at the same time within an intentional play environment. The children will be learning through a variety of hands on activities, exploration, literature, song, and play. Below you will find a brief explanation of centers, areas of development and the literacy focus for the month of September. Once we are settled in we will begin our “star of the day” routine. There will be a “star” song and cheer. It is always an exciting part of the morning! Please have your child to school on time so they do not miss this activity. Our days will be very busy. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year filled with lots of learning and fun! Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at kunstmann@mgcparish.org or 414-442-7600 ext. 118.

Literacy/Language Development

We will focus on basic book handling skills and posture for listening to stories. Literature will focus on school transitions, feelings/emotions, and apples. We will also focus on the alphabet as letters that can be individually named. Recognizing our names in print along with naming the letters of our names, and printing our names will be this month’s focus for letter recognition and word development. Small group centers will include books, alphabet puzzles, string beads, and stampers. We will also write our first class book!

Cognitive Development Mathematical Thinking

We will identify “first” and “last” in relationship to order and position. We will count who came to school and compare numbers using more, less and/or equal to. Small group centers

will include a variety of manipulatives, puzzles, and counting objects using 1 to 1 correspondence.

Scientific Thinking

Our science center will have a variety of items for the children to explore. We will end the month with our apple project. It will focus on the life cycle of an apple tree. We will use all five senses to explore and compare apples. The block area will also be part of science as we build with blocks and experiment with balance.

Social/Emotional Development

Our main focus will be learning basic social skills that are appropriate for school and naming our feelings as well as those of our classmates. We will also discuss how to appropriately deal with our feelings/emotions. We will learn our school rules and create some rules that are specific for our

classroom. Our discussion will include why we have rules and why it is important to follow them and how to make good choices.

Faith Development

This month we will learn that God created us! We will read the Bible story of Jesus welcoming the children and that Jesus loves each of us and we are all different, the same, and special. We will also learn that Jesus had feelings and explore our own feelings. We start and end each day with prayer and give thanks before breakfast and lunch.

Creativity and Fine Motor Development

The art and writing center will foster creativity and the development of the tripod grasp, which is the name of the grasp used to hold writing utensils. The children will have many opportunities to explore a variety of art media. Play dough will be introduced as a sensory and creative experience. The easel will be open at the end of the month for painting. The dramatic play center will be set up as a house area. The children will have opportunities to take on a role of another person and work together to plan and problem solve.

Upcoming Events

- **Sept. 8:** Ice Cream Social
6:00 PM
- **Sept. 15:** Family Lunch
Family members of full day students may join their child for lunch. Please enter through the front doors to check in
- **Sept. 22:** No School Teacher In-Service Day

Homework for Parents

- Communicate with your child about school every day
- Turn in all paperwork to the office
- Have your child to school and picked up on time each day
- Check your child's backpack and folder every day
- If you have questions or concerns ask the teacher
- Read KidMail every week