



The Flock Flyer

Our Flock Flies Together! See where the winds are taking us!

Welcome to your first official newsletter from kindergarten! We are keeping with our Holy Spirit theme this year and will send home an edition of The Flock Flyer every other week generally on Wednesdays.

Wow! The first week of kindergarten down! I have had a wonderful time getting to know your child. I always love discovering the new personalities and young people I teach each year.

Our snack calendar has started. I appreciate healthy snacks, but understand that life sometimes dictates Chips Ahoy over freshly cut carrots and grapes. The number of snacks you need to provide is on each calendar for your convenience. The letter of the week is also provided in case you want to help reinforce letter recognition by bringing a snack that starts with our letter for the week.

We would like to welcome Amadeo Hammond a new student in our afternoon class! Amadeo will be starting Monday September 17.

Also we have one switch to announce- Nuala has moved from the morning class to the afternoon class. AM parents please note you only need 17 snacks now.

Be sure to read page two for important information. Thank you for a blessed beginning of our year together!

Pick Up Procedures

If your child is going somewhere after school that deviates from the usual plan, I will need to have a note. Please understand I won't just send a child with another parent for a play date if I haven't heard directly from you. Sometimes children just tell me they are going to

Suzie's house after school, when those are not the plans you have arranged. I need to make sure you know where they are going.

If you make plans last minute, please call the office and ask Sue to get me a message, as I don't always get to voice mail

in the hectic finishing up of the day.

If your child will be getting picked up by Grandma each Wednesday or goes to pre-school each Tuesday and Thursday, I need a note for my permanent file. Then I can learn the schedule and know where to send everyone.

Of Special Note:

- ♦ Family Open House Tonight 7pm at Church
- ♦ Friday September 21 Book Orders Due
- ♦ Monday September 24 Picture Day
- ♦ Wednesday September 26 Field Trip Planning Meeting 3:30pm
- ♦ Library Books are due on Mondays. There is a two book check out limit. If your child has two books out s/he will not be able to check out another until at least one is returned.
- ♦ Donation Board: By our door we have a wish list of items that would help our year here in kindergarten be absolutely fantastic. Be sure to check it out at open house tonight or stop by and take a wish and help make it come true!

Book Orders

Today I am sending home book orders! There are two **different Scholastic orders**. These are all **due back Friday September 21** if you want to order something. **Please send a check made out to Scholastic Books with the order form in an envelope.** You may **combine your Scholastic orders and write one check.**

Our class does earn bonus points and free books from the

books ordered. Scholastic offers excellent children's literature at very good prices.

Please don't hesitate to ask me for recommendations if you would like them. Remember to send **checks only made out to Scholastic.** Thank you for supporting our classroom this way. :)



Family Open House and Field Trip Meetings

Our **St. Thomas Family Open House is Tonight at 7pm in church.** We will all meet together, pray and go over some items. Your **children will be dismissed back to their class, with me, and then you will follow slightly later. If you have older students please come pick up your kindergartner first.**

God's Precious Gift-Your Child!

Here we will spotlight one of the gifts given to you from God by your children. This week we remember that our kids give us the gift of:
SPONTANEITY!

If you would like to **help plan field trips** we will be meeting after school at **3:30 on Wednesday September 26.** The meeting should last 30-45 minutes. Your child is welcome to stay and play if we can keep them quiet while we meet. :) If you can't make the meeting and would like to help let me know.

Homework and Book-It

I am sending home **September homework today. Please do the homework and the reflection sheet (on the back) and return.** I like to see what you learned and will sticker them and return them to you. This time spent together is great for reading readiness, building of responsibility and learning

good study skills.

As soon as I get the packets from Pizza Hut I will be sending home **Book-It calendars as well.** I know I loved Book-It as a kid.

Simply read with your child



for the allotted time each month, record and return the calendar. Your child earns a free personalized pan pizza each month. And we build even more reading skills!