

# Monday Memo

March 15, 2010

Little Flower Catholic School

## Principal's Notes

### Mission Statement:

It is the mission of Little Flower Catholic School to form young people who live their lives, as Jesus did, rooted in prayer, and who strive for a sense of self-worth, academic excellence, and the Catholic values of mercy and compassion.

### Dates to Remember

Third Quarter Ends	3/16
Mass: 8:15 Noon Dismissal	3/19
Spirit Day	3/19
Scrip Orders	3/22
PTO Meeting	3/25
Mass: 8:15	3/26
5K Run	3/27

Someone recently sent me a quote that I thought fits in well with this Sunday's Gospel. The quote is "Prayer honors God, acknowledges His being, exalts His power, adores His providence, secures His aid" (E.M. Bounds). This is what the prodigal son must have learned after squandering his father's money away and realizing that he

needed to return home. It seems that as humans we sometimes learn valuable lessons the hard way. Yet, as long as we continue to grow from our failures and seek God in the present moment, like the prodigal son, God will meet us where we are and welcome us back home.

I want to thank our basketball coaches once again for a fabulous season. Our athletes learned valuable lessons

during practice, on the court and as strong teams. Special thanks to: Coach Floyd, Coach Bruder, Coach Mathias, Coach Alberda, Coach Presnell and Coach Matthews. It was a great season for our basketball teams!

## Success Maker

Success Maker is a program that we use at LFS to identify where a student's initial reading level is through a diagnostic test. Ms. Fitzgerald works with students before school, during school and at the end of the day to help our students who may need a bit more reinforcement. Often we have found that in a few short weeks of daily use students are stronger and back on grade level. How does this help the student? Students need to be able to read and comprehend on grade level in order to do the necessities of school. The stronger we can help make our students in the area of reading, the better academically they will be as the year continues.

## Attendance—it's the little things that make the biggest difference

If your child misses just one day a week, he'll miss more than two and a half years of class time before he graduates! That means he'll have lost valuable time learning important subjects like math and reading.

What can you do to make your child's attendance more regular? Often, it's the little things that make the difference. If he hasn't finished his book report, he

may not want to go to school the next day. If he can't find his math book, he might be late and miss the bus.

So help your child get organized. Write down due dates for big projects on the family calendar. Don't let him wait until the night before to read the book and write the book report.

Set up a "launch pad" by the door. Each night make sure your child places everything he'll need for school on the launch pad.

Source: "School Attendance: Helping Your Child Make the Best Start," [www.direct.gov.uk/en/Parents/Schoolslearninganddevelopment/YourChildsWelfareAtSchool/DG\\_067554](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Parents/Schoolslearninganddevelopment/YourChildsWelfareAtSchool/DG_067554).

**March 19:**

**Noon Dismissal**

**for Students**

## RAFFLE 3 Day / 2 Night Stay at Holiday Inn Express in Orange Beach, AL, Gulf Side

Proceeds Benefit the 8th Grade Class Trip to Atlanta

Tickets are \$2.00 each / 3 for \$5.00

Tickets can be bought at school or the PTO meeting on March 25

Raffle will be held at the PTO on March 25

Thanks for your Support!

## Intermediate is Challenged

A few months ago teachers participated in an in-service where we looked at how to challenge students who needed a bit more of a challenge. In recent weeks, teachers in our intermediate grades have been working on how to challenge our students particularly in the area of math. While this group will be fluid as skills and concepts are learned, we are working hard to ensure that all of our students are successful and challenged at appropriate levels.

## Track Practice Times

Tues 3/16 5-630  
Thurs 3/18 4-530, parent meeting to be held after practice  
Sat 3/20 9-1030

Tues 3/23 5-630  
Thurs 3/25 4-530  
Sat 3/27 LFS 5K....would like all runners to participate

Mon 3/29 5-630  
Wed 3/31 4-530

Spring Break

Mon 4/5 5-630  
Wed 4/7 4-530  
Sat 4/10 9-1030

Mon 4/12 5-630  
Wed 4/14 4-530  
Fri 4/16 4-500.....possible pasta dinner for runners planned after practice

Sat 4/17 Track Meet

**Congratulations  
to Ladon Smith  
who is the PTO  
Weekly Drawing  
Winner.**