

Monday Memo

March 1, 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

World Math Day	3/3
Mass: 8:15 and Stations: 2 PM	3/5
Special Friends Day	3/5
School Confessions	3/9
Spring Pictures: Students dress up	3/11
Third Quarter Ends	3/16
5K Run	3/27

Congratulations to our Second Grade students who received their First Reconciliation last Tuesday evening. Thanks to Ms. Tucker for doing such a great job in preparing our students for this Sacrament. It was obvious to all that our students truly understood why

we were celebrating this Sacrament with them.

Please remember that registration is underway. We have been blessed this year to have almost reached our goal of 180 students for next year. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please remember to fill out the student incen-

tive form and direct the prospective parents to our school office.

We also welcome three new School Board members: Ms. Redmond, Mr. Churchill and Ms. Myers. Thank you for your willingness to help LFS continue to grow.

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.

5K Run

This year's 5K Run will take place on March 27 at 8 AM. The PTO Board should have already contacted the Homeroom Parents asking for help in securing sponsors for the run. We are asking that each family secure at least one sponsor. If everyone helps out, our run will be successful and will help to fund academic programs such as our technology enhancements, math and science and

new textbooks for next school year.

Who should you ask to sponsor us? Often times, doctors, lawyers, dentists, veterinarians, hair salons, tanning salons, car dealers and repair shops are all good places to ask. Restaurants that you frequent or may own can help us with sponsorship. To date we have close to **\$14,390.00**. However, we need your help.

Thanks to all who have volunteered so far to help on the day of the race. It is coming together nicely. However, there is still need for more volunteers. If you have a few hours that you can give on the morning of March 27, please contact Katy Salisbury at dan-katy@hotmail.com.

March 19:

**Noon Dismissal
for Students**

ITBS Testing for Grade 2

Students in Grade 2 will take the Spring version of the ITBS test. This testing will take place between March 8 and 12. Please make every effort to schedule doctors appointments or mini vacations outside of this week. Research has proven that students do better on these tests when they take the test with the entire class.

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.

Pop Tabs

		Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	
Kindergarten		2.5				2	4.5
1st Grade		13.5	2.5	8.5		8	32.5
2nd Grade		0.5	2	1.5		1	5
3rd Grade		4.5	1.5	7			13
4th Grade		18.5	12.5				31
5th Grade		28.5	4	3.5		5	41
6th Grade		5.5		0.5		6	12
7th Grade			1				1
8th Grade							0
Faculty		4.5	4.5			4	13
	Pou nds (lb)	78	28	21	0	26	153

Build responsibility by asking your child to help with cleaning

Spring cleaning is an annual ritual for many families. Use this tradition to build your preschooler's sense of responsibility. As spring cleaning begins, ask your child to pitch in.

When including your preschooler, remember to:

- **Make sure your child** knows *exactly* what you want him to do. Don't just say, "Dust the room." Instead, be more specific: "You're going to take the duster and go swish, swish, back and forth on the table. I will show you how to do it."
- **Keep it simple.** Dusting a table is a good task. Picking up small sticks in the yard and putting them into a bucket is another. Always consider your child's age and ability level when assigning a task.
- **Don't redo a task** in front of your child. Redoing something your child just did can make him feel you are disappointed in his effort.
- **Keep it short.** It is not realistic to expect a four- or five-year-old to clean for an hour. Count on him to help you clean for about 10 minutes at a time.
- **Thank your child.** Saying, "Thank you. That really helps the family," will increase your child's feelings of self-worth and make him want to continue being helpful.

Congratulations to Ms. Helton who is the PTO Weekly Drawing Winner.

Source: Jim Fay & Charles Fay, Ph.D., *Love and Logic for Early Childhood: Practical Parenting from Birth to Six Years*, ISBN: 1-930429-00-2 (The Love and Logic Press, 1-800-338-4065, www.loveandlogic.com).