

August 24, 2010

Dear Preschool Parents,

Arrival time at school should be no earlier than 7:30 a.m. **Class starts at 7:45 a.m.** Please come to the Winchester Avenue entrance at 7:40 a.m. Afternoon arrival time is 11:40 a.m. This is the time that the After School Program sends children over to the preschool classroom. **Class starts at 11:45 a.m.**

**Pick-up time for the afternoon class is 2:40 p.m.** Mrs. Ward and I bring the children to the church porch by 2:40 p.m. The children are overjoyed when parents are there to meet them!!! Your promptness is appreciated.

**Parents, when you pick-up your child for a doctor or a dentist appointment, you must speak directly to the teacher before taking your child, whether we are in the classroom or on the playground.** Thank you for your cooperation as we guard the safety and security of each child!!!!

**Dates to Remember:**

**Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> VERTUS Training from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in church undercroft.**

**Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Family School Parent Orientation Night 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**VERTUS Training** will be offered on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m. in the church undercroft. Please register in the office prior to the training. This training is necessary for any parent who wishes to volunteer their services working directly with children at Holy Family School or who wishes to transport children during field trips for Holy Family School. This training is required for the protection and safety of all our children. Thank you for your support of Holy Family School!!!

**Holy Family School Parent Orientation Night** will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet briefly in the church and will then be dismissed to the classrooms. This is a time for parents only!!! Children should not attend. The After School Program will be open. This is an opportunity for parents to hear about the Montessori curriculum throughout the year. Please reserve discussion of your child's progress until parent conferences that will take place in late October or early November.

We are learning to use Peace Builder principles: how to "praise" (say something nice) vs. a "put-down" (say something mean or hurt someone physically). We are doing an author study of Kevin Henkes' books: *Chester's Way*; *Julius, the Baby of the World*; *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*; and *Lilly's Big Day*. We are learning to recognize ten geometric shapes: circle, oval, ellipse, curvilinear triangle, quatrefoil, triangle, rectangle, square, trapezoid, and pentagon. The children are working with the spindle box, counting objects from 0-9.

Mrs. Rucinski and Mrs. Ward