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SUMMER READING PACKET

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Incoming Prekindergarten 3 & Prekindergarten 4

Dear Parents,

We know that as parents you are all concerned with how your child performs academically. It is important to start fostering basic academic concepts at home during the summer months to prepare your child for school in the fall. Along with academic skills, community building and social concepts, it is also important to prepare your child for the group setting that comes with attending school. We have compiled a list of suggestions (curriculum guides, websites, places to visit) to help and guide you in the important task of continuing the learning process at home over the summer. Have your child practice these suggested skills over the summer so they are ready for the curriculum in their grade level.

Entering Prek 3 ~ Basic Skills to Practice:

- Listening and responding to a short story.
- Name identification, Reciting and knowing the difference between first and last name
- Shapes and colors
- Counting (start with counting to 10)
- Fine motor skills (coloring, gluing, writing, cutting, playdough, paint)
- Read to your child
- Practice zipping, buttoning, washing hands, using manners.
- Introduce them to the Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduce them to the Sign of the Cross
- **Potty training (Required before entering school)**

Entering Prek 4 ~ All of the above mentioned.

- Is able to listen attentively to a short story
- Recite and recognize first name & last
- Recognize most colors and some shapes
- Encourage letter and number recognition.
- Count to 10 ~ Practice counting to 20
- Write 1st name with uppercase letters

Practice playing with manipulatives: puzzles, Legos, blocks; Practice drawing and cutting out pictures, Finger paint or play with play-dough, String beads, Open lids, Practice hopping, running, walking up and down stairs Practice playing matching games, Play board games, Collect, count and sort familiar objects Expose them to pencils, crayons, markers, books, songs, poems

Pray the **Hail Mary** and **Our Father** with your child and attend Mass weekly.

Other suggestions: use play dough, read street signs as you drive, take your child to library/bookstore for story hour, encourage the use of imagination, review shapes, colors, letters and numbers. Pray with your child, go to church, practice printing, coloring, cutting, sorting, play puppets, eat with your child and engage him/her in conversation, show the proper way to use eating utensils.

Go to the zoo and museums. Tour Rhode Island! If you are at the beach, collect shells, sort them, and look for different sea creatures.

Other suggested websites:

www.starfall.com

www.weeklyreader.com

www.funschool.com

www.picadome.fcps.net - - - click the technology link, and then the curriculum links.

www.scholastic.com

www.brainpop.com

www.enchantedlearning.com

Thank you,

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