



# Alpha Bits

## Kindergarten Newsletter

**October 2020**  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE RETAIN!**

Dear Parents,

Hello to all of you! We had a great 1<sup>st</sup> couple weeks of school. The children are really adjusting well and we have been so busy this month learning so many new concepts in kindergarten. We hope that we can bring you up to date through this letter. Please be sure to keep and refer to this and all other memos throughout the year. Also, please return all school forms.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Debbie Allison  
Mrs. Georgia Trantas-Weiss

## **STRENGTHENING FINE MOTOR SKILLS**

We have been using Play-Doh with the kindergarteners to strengthen fine motor skills. Tracing, cutting, and gluing are also helpful. Please do these activities at home too!

## **FAMILY PHOTO SPOT**

Smile! We have asked the children to bring in a family picture and we have been enjoying all of the ones that have been brought in. They will remain in school as part of a social studies unit on "The Family". We will return them at the end of the school year. We are still missing a few!

## **HOMEWORK**

Congratulations to all the children on their beautiful homework. It is each child's responsibility to remember his or her homework book and assignments. Good work habits start here! Your child should keep his or her homework book clean, neat and organized. Homework assignments will include cutting and pasting magazine pictures, so please get those scissors ready. Practice is important, and old newspapers and catalogs make great practice material. Also, let your child help cut out the coupons for you! Hint: It helps when parents draw a circle around the picture that is to be cut. Again, please let your child do his/her own work. You should watch and guide your child. By doing your child's homework, you are not helping him/her to learn independence. Practice does make perfect!!! Please remember to sign all homework assignments.

## **BE A BUCKET FILLER**

We have been busy meeting new friends in school, and have been focusing on kindness and sharing. Please encourage your child to be bucket filler in school and at home. Ask them how!

## **LUNCH & SNACKS**

Please plan your child's lunch and snacks with him/her. Some children throw away half of their sandwich because they don't like the crust. Some children eat their snacks instead of lunch. We encourage the children to eat all of their lunch and we ask the children to take home any food not eaten. Please talk with your child about eating their lunch.

## **FIRE PREVENTION**

Since October is Fire Prevention month, we will be having many lessons about fire safety both in school and at home. We have had and will continue to have monthly fire drills. We encourage you to talk about them and conduct them at home as well.

## FALL FESTIVAL WEEK

In the upcoming weeks, we will be sending home information about the special activities planned for the week of October 26. We are looking forward to celebrating the beautiful season of Fall with the children in school

## BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays will be celebrated in school. If you would like to send in a special treat into school for birthdays, please make sure they are individually wrapped. We will send them home with the children to be enjoyed at home.

Party invitations will be distributed only if there is one for each child.

## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Due to COVID-19 there are many restrictions. We will let you know as things develop.

## CAR LINE COOPERATION

We ask that you have your car sign visible at arrival and dismissal times. Please have your child's name in large letters and in bold print! You must encourage your child to listen for his name the first time it is called. **Please note that no one can make a left turn into the driveway or park in front of the library and cut into line.** Anyone heading east on Grant Avenue must turn right on Ditman Street, go around the block and enter the car line on Grant facing Frankford Avenue. **You must enter the car line by Grant Avenue only.** Please **DO NOT** make **U-TURNS** on Grant Avenue. This is very dangerous. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please encourage your child to sit down quickly and buckle themselves in as we have many children in the car line. Please let the teachers know if someone other than yourself is picking up your child. Thank you.

## PRAYER LIST

We have a prayer list to be published in our monthly newsletter. If you have a loved one or know of someone in need of prayers, please submit a note with that person's name and relationship, to your child's teacher. Sister Evey will put his/her name in her prayer jar and both the sisters and children will pray for your loved one.

We encourage you to help your children learn the value of prayer in the home by remembering others who are in need of our prayers.

## **VOLUNTARY SUPPLY LIST**

Several parents have asked if they can donate an item frequently used in the kindergarten. Presently, we are using the following items listed below. If you would like to donate any of these, you may send them in at any time. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thanks to those of you who have already sent in classroom items!!

- Baby wipes
- Hand soap
- Clorox or antibacterial wipes
- Stickers for children's papers
- Paper towels

## **ALPHA HOUSE KID'S CLUB - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The Kid's Club program is underway. There are still some spots available. If you need information regarding our after school program, please send an email to [Kidsclub@holymfamily.edu](mailto:Kidsclub@holymfamily.edu)

## **CALENDAR**

October 13.....Kid Stuff Books Sale Begins (please note, date change)

October 23.....No School for Children (Calendar Change)

Week of October 26.....Fall Celebration Week – more information to follow

October 30.....Halloween Celebration

1. **PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO REMEMBER THE SCHOOL RULES.**
2. Mark all outer clothing with your child's first and last name.
3. Return all important forms. Medical/immunization forms are now due.
4. Send in a note with your child for absences written on a 3x5 card for filing. This is a State regulation.
5. You must post a sign of children's names in the front window of your car at dismissal that is large and visible. Hug the curb and move as close as you can to the car in front of you during arrivals and dismissals so as not to tie up traffic. Please review car line rules with others driving or picking up your child from school.
6. Please keep and refer to your class list throughout the year.
7. Please review all school activities at home and please practice.
8. Keep your child home if he or she is sick.
9. Please be certain we have an emergency contact that drives and has a car.
10. Please make sure you are on time for arrival and dismissal.
11. Please pack a sweatshirt or a sweater each day.
12. Snow number 3090
13. **PLEASE HAVE A CAR SIGN VISIBLE AT DISMISSAL.**