



May 1, 2025

Happy Spring! I hope you all had a beautiful Easter and a great April vacation. It is great to be back at school, seeing all of the children's smiling faces. They grew over vacation, they all look taller!

We had a fun and adventurous hike with Susan from the Mass Audubon Society last month. We walked over to the Grotto and Sergeant Gannon's Memorial Garden and looked for signs of Spring. We found pinecones, baby trees, flowers and insects. We also looked in a bucket of pond water and saw worms, small branches, mud and so much more. We released a salamander into its natural habitat that 2nd grade had caught on the school grounds. It was an exciting afternoon! The 3 visits from Mass Audubon were fantastic! Thank you to the Enrichment Committee for providing us with the opportunity to learn about animals on Cape Cod.

Our themes this month are Planting and Growing Things, Mother's Day, Marine Animals, Insects and Spiders and Amphibians and Reptiles.

We will honor Mary, our Blessed Mother this month by saying the Hail Mary every day and learning about the Rosary. We will also talk about becoming a member of the Catholic Church through Baptism. Please send in a picture of your child's Baptism or a special religious family celebration the week of May 12th. Your child will have an opportunity to tell his/her classmates about this special day. It will be helpful if you would write the names of your child's Godparents and where he/she was Baptized on a note card or back of the picture. Thank you.

The caterpillars/butterflies have arrived! We will watch them grow and change through their life cycle and transform into beautiful butterflies. This is a very exciting event for the PreK children. They enjoy looking for changes daily and commenting on what they see. It will take about 5 - 6 weeks and it is a nice way to end the school year. We will let them go and watch them fly around our playground on a warm, sunny day in June.

Please note that the last day of school for the **PreK Class** is Friday, June 13th. We will have an End of the Year Celebration at 9:00. The children can dress in festive summer attire and they will perform a little program for you. We will have a special snack with family and Certificates of PreK completion will be given out. This is a special day for the PreK children and all of the

children are encouraged to attend. I will send more details for this special day in the next few weeks.

Hat Day is Wednesday, May 7th. Your child can wear his/her favorite hat to school for the day. Fine Arts Day is Thursday, May 8th. You are welcome to take your child to hear his/her sibling/s sing. PreK might attend for a few minutes depending on the number of people in the Gym and whether there is room for PreK. Please let me and Mrs. Shaw know so that I will have your child ready to send to the office when you arrive. Your child will need to come back to class after the performance. Thank you.

The Scholastic Book Fair is May 5 - 9th. We will be attending Monday, during our scheduled Library time to preview the books. Each child will have a WISH LIST which will be sent home Monday in the communication folder. You can send in money through the communication folder or ewallet anytime during the week. Please let me know if you are using the ewallet. Mrs. Werner is hosting a Literacy Evening, Wednesday, May 7th. Look for details to follow.

Friday, May 23rd is Field Day. The 3 day children are invited to attend school for the entire day. It is a fun day, full of great activities. They will be very tired by the end of the day! May is a very busy month. Please refer to the calendars, PreK and Office Notes for all of the Special events that will be coming up.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you are interested in a conference to discuss Kindergarten readiness. I am sure that this month will fly by, so let us enjoy the ever changing weather that God has given us and enjoy the children in every new adventure that they may encounter. God Bless you and your families.

Happy Spring!

Important Dates to Remember:

May 5 - 9 - Scholastic Book Fair (Literacy Evening, Wednesday - May 7th)

May 7 - Hat Day

May 8 - Fine Arts Day

Week of May 12 - Baptism Pictures

May 16 - 11:30 Dismissal - After Care available

May 23 - Field Day

May 26 - Memorial Day, No School

May 27 - May Crowning

May 29 - Ascension Thursday, 9:30 Mass

June 13- PreK End of the Year Celebration - 9:00 - Dismissal to follow