

Dear Grade One Parents/Guardians,

This month is an exciting month because we have our Walkathon and we celebrate Thanksgiving and Halloween! As a class, we continue to learn how to develop a strong classroom community by building friendships and helping each other.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the Kindergarten and Grade One classes go to the pumpkin patch. However, due to the circumstances that we are in, I thought of a special surprise for the children. Mrs. Harris (the Kindergarten teacher) and I are going to turn our school playground into a pumpkin patch! A permission slip will be sent home very shortly that will ask for a small fee for them to pick a pumpkin. Otherwise, in order to be fair to the rest of their peers, students that do not hand in money will not be able to pick one. More details will be provided in the permission slip.

September flew by quickly and the children have shown their many talents! As we continue to develop our skills from last month, here are some topics that we will be learning this month:

Language Arts	<ul> <li>Sight words in the form of in-class learning as well as spelling tests</li> <li>Continuing and reviewing their letter sounds with a strong focus on vowels</li> <li>Rhyming words</li> <li>Consonant-vowel-consonant words</li> </ul>
Math	<ul> <li>Using 10 frames</li> <li>Understanding the difference between more, less, and the same</li> <li>Count, read, and print numbers to 20</li> </ul>
Religion	<ul> <li>Family faith traditions</li> <li>The 10 Commandments</li> <li>The theme of Love from the Blessed Virgin Mary</li> </ul>
Science	<ul> <li>Types of clouds</li> <li>Understanding how rain works</li> <li>Identifying objects that the wind moves</li> </ul>
Social Studies	<ul> <li>Identifying who is in our family and what activities we do together</li> <li>Roles and responsibilities within our family</li> </ul>

Important dates to remember:

Monday, October 4	Individual and class photo day
Friday, October 8	Walkathon – 12pm dismissal
Monday, October 11	No school (Thanksgiving Day)
Friday, October 15	8:15am mass
	Surprise pumpkin patch day
Friday, October 22	No school
Friday, October 29	Halloween school fundraiser
	Interim reports distributed

Sincerely, Ms. Retuta