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The coming of the Holy Spirit, The Pentecost, happens next week. We are told that the Disciples whom were still scared and heartbroken again after Jesus' Ascension into Heaven were awaiting the descent of "something" powerful and forceful enough to give them the courage that was missing from their beings to go out and do all Jesus asked them to do.

The Gospel is very clear as to what happened that day. A mighty rush of wind, loud noise, and flames of small fire, like tongues, began hovering over all of their heads...not to burn them, rather to warm them. And suddenly they began to speak in Greek, Latin, Arabic and all other ancient languages so as they could communicate with all they encountered about Jesus Christ. No longer afraid of persecution the Holy Spirit gave them incredible gifts to do such work.

Of course in retelling this the last few days, the children all asked, "You mean brown paper packages tied up with string Miss Dawn??" I had to laugh!!!! Gifts... yes, indeed they thought, "gifts. " I explained that sometimes a gift wasn't always wrapped in special paper or even looked like a present. That in fact gifts come in a variety of forms, even in words or feelings! I said, like the Holy Spirit gave me the gifts of faith, courage and self-control during the Sound of Music Tech Week!!!! And in fact, the Holy Spirit is always with us, provided we believe in Jesus.

The Holy Spirit, (a.k.a The Helper) is the best friend we humans can have here on the earth! I surely believe so. And even though we can't see Him, we must focus on all that he does do and see. And believe me, He MUST SEE A LOT!!!! Things we could never be proud of, as well as things He inspires us to do. He sees it all. Imagine how inspired the disciples felt living in exile for some 50 days after The resurrection only to be poked and prodded to wake up and moved by the winds of change???? To go out and baptize 3000 people in one day??? To speak of this Jesus in public without fear, doubt, or rejection.

Change can be very good and healthy for us, and yet at times isn't always good. Or, so we believe. But it is ironically inevitable, part of God's great mysterious plan, and something we rarely have control over. That is why it is imperative not to lose our faith in the workings of the Holy Spirit. We are told that the body is a temple. And it is indeed.... Not to be displayed in beauty or physique, as much as what it holds inside. The Holy Spirit lives inside of us. That's why it is so important to eat right, sleep peacefully, and to keep our souls happy. It's got to be difficult for the HS to live inside of us. I know He must have to work really hard in me considering all of those factors. But alas, we are human. And we are made in God's image. We are loved and so the Holy Spirit, regardless to how offended He must be at times, still loves more than we can imagine.

I am trying to help the children to put faith into the idea that we are not alone. Or to rely on something higher to help pull us through a difficult experience, a hard time, a bad day.....but to also relish in joy over the good ones. Be grateful for the smallest milestones in our lives as much

as giving God praise and joy when the biggies happen!!! To help others see their strengths and find that faith to inspire and encourage them beyond their hardest times or fears.

The winds of change I am feeling blow through this classroom as we grow closer to the end of the year. It is a bittersweet time in here for staff and child alike. They are realizing that the end is near, and with that there is so much fun approaching, but also the notion, that in fact, we will no longer be "roommates" anymore. When you spend 6.5 + hours a day with each other under one roof, in one room, you get pretty darn close with one another. We have made friendships, seen happy endings, laughed, cried, studied, prayed, shared, fought, and felt empowered by knowledge that we are all one great big happy family in here. Saying Goodbye is change... and as exciting as we are all about new opportunities approaching, it is also extremely sad and heartbreaking simultaneously.

I thank you personally for another wonderful year of fun and friendship. I thank you for trusting your little soul with us and believing we not only prepared them for Kindergarten, (or Pre-K,) but moreover prepared them for the love of learning!

On behalf of the All Saints Family, Mrs. Perez, Mrs. Brady, and myself we wish you safe travels over these summer months. Please read on for some important information.

Peace,

Dawn Grinnell

"Miss Dawn"

## **Announcements**

This newsletter contains lots of important information about the end of the year activities, so you may want to take out your calendar while you are reading this publication.

### **SAVE THE DATES.....**

#### **Field Day June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The Office will be sending out a reminder as we grow closer. Students who normally do not come this day are welcome to attend. We will need a few parent volunteers as well to assist in bringing children to each venue as well as popsicle contributions. PE attire required, as is pre-sunscreening, hats and water bottles.

#### **June 7<sup>th</sup> Medieval Day**

Students are invited to be Queen for the Day literally...or Knight and Princess! They may come dressed in Medieval attire. Please make sure there is uniform tucked away in a bag or underneath if possible. Nice being in summer uniform attire just in case we get tired of wearing tins or tulle!

A simple lunch "Feast" will be ready to sign up for.

#### **Science Fair June 6<sup>th</sup> 6 - 7pm**

The annual Pre-K Science Fair is a blast!!! It is the shortest event we do packed with tons of fun. I promise you will be out and to supper by 7pm! The children will be displaying and defending their research projects this evening. The Pre-K students will put together a tri-fold science board, provided by school. They work on this board creating observations or pictures and handwriting by them to represent their findings or discoveries. If you would like too, you may make an Arts and Crafts object to display that will go in front of their project that evening. I will send home suggestions...otherwise we work on these all throughout these

weeks here at school. Also, some students will wear the Lab Coats I have and some students are invited to wear something from home that goes along with their topic. (ex. If you had Sea life you could wear your swim trunks or fishing look,). Sometimes a colorful hat is just enough. Honestly it is just such a fun night that anything goes! Also, if you want (not necessary) to hand out something small as a reminder to your visitors during the fair you are welcome too. Examples I have seen before are candy that is themed, or dinosaur cookies, desserts, stickers, erasers, etc. etc. You get the idea.

It isn't required but it can be fun.

## **Graduation**

It's hard to believe but our year is coming to a screeching halt! FAST. Our Pre-K Graduation is Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, here in the Multi-Purpose Room. You are welcome to bring anyone you wish to bring. The evening begins with 3s singing a song, then receiving their certificate to advance to Pre-K. The Pre-K then put on a show which will run about 20 minutes. It is then followed by a 15 minute slideshow recounting all the fun and wonderful events culminating our time together here throughout the school year. We conclude with the conferring of the Pre-K diplomas in Caps and Gowns. This event is VERY moving and can be very emotional. The beginning of Kindergarten is a very important and special milestone in a child's life. At the end of Graduation the Pre-K graduate will receive his diploma for your Baby/scrapbook and a Mortarboard as a keepsake. Children will be costumed for the show, provided by school. The Cap and Gown will go over the costume. If you would like to bring a change of clothing for afterwards feel free, otherwise you are asked to return the costume back to us the following day. School will remain open until June 20<sup>th</sup>, however the War College graduates on the 16<sup>th</sup>, so I always plan for Graduation in time for some military moves if necessary. We will remain open until the 20<sup>th</sup> and feel free to use those days for FUN days here at school.

## **Rehearsal/Picnic June 13<sup>th</sup>**

We will have a rehearsal on Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12noon or so. I need all Preschool and Pre-K students to attend the rehearsal which is closed to parents. It is here at school. Simultaneously while rehearsal is going on, I ask the Room parents to organize a lunch for the students which will be held as a picnic in the courtyard. Please sign up for an item to contribute on the Sign-up Genius which will be going out very soon. You are invited to stop by for the luncheon. It is picnic fare...and please bring your own blanket or chairs. The children are always very hungry and thirsty after the rehearsal!!!! (And sometimes so HOT depending on our temps!!!)

## **Link to photo deposit for Slideshow**

If you have a few photos of an event over this last year you think would be fabulous to add or share into our slideshow please send it to:

[asa2Pre-K@gmail.com](mailto:asa2Pre-K@gmail.com) password: SteamAcademy

Please reach out to Mike Cheng or Kristin Vanak for more information if you cannot access the link. Also... please try to submit at least one picture of your own child. We really need to make sure all children are represented in the slideshow. I typically like to show the kids the slideshow during their Dress rehearsal, hopefully it will be ready to go for that day.

## **Lunch in the Lunchroom!**

One day before school over I will be taking the Pre-K students only to dine in the Lunch room so as they get a better understanding of Cafeteria life!!!! I will send a note home the day we go so you have something exciting to chat about that night at supper!!!!

## **Uniforms**

We are moving into the tropical wear school uniform, please remember the white shirt needs our logo and tucks into the shorts or pants, as the sweater vest will no longer be covering the edge of the polo shirt. Girls may wear short socks again. And if you are leaving us, the uniform closet would LOVE your gently used item so as younger friends may benefit from them in September. If you have personal items in the Extra Change of clothes bags please retrieve before our last days...and anything else that you may leave in the classroom with us.

## **Summer Camp**

Please look over Summer Camp opportunities in the AS2A Summer Camp brochure. Mrs. Perez will be working camp all summer, and I will be heading the Vacation Bible Camp mid- July if you choose camp here. There are also many great themes happening taught by other All Saints teachers throughout the summer. I will be in and out as per usual during the summer, sprucing up the classroom, touring and more, (also teaching a few Theatre Camps as well.) But pop in and say HI if you are around!

## **The Sound of Music**

The Hills and songs are still in my mind's sight!!!! I keep hearing that they might be in yours as well!!! Sorry...hee hee. Anyway...We had a BLAST! And what a great show the students of AS2A performed both nights at PMS!!!!!! BRAVO- BRAVO- BRAVO. If you still have the costuming at home, please bring it in as soon as possible if you could as we are putting costumes away in the next few days.

## **SO, long Farewell.....**

For some of us this is our fork in the road. (Sad face). I pray the service brings you to a safe and peaceful part of our country or world. I will pray for families during these months of transition for you. We thank you so much for your service to our country! For those of you moving on here at home, be safe and well and remember you never know where and when we might meet again. Could even be

the Stop & Shop! I will miss you all sooo much. I have had the honor and pleasure to teach your child at one the most critical times of their life...the time when the lightbulb and love of learning switches on! I know that I speak not only of myself but Mrs. Peres and Mrs. Brady when I tell you that we love every day we get to spend in the company of little friends who make us laugh, cry and have the opportunity to show them how wonderful our world and our faith is! We hope you enjoyed and valued this experience.