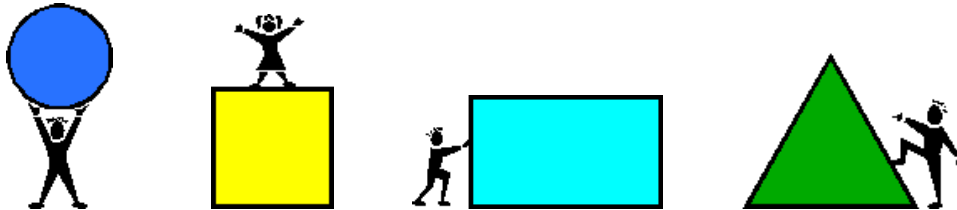


Saint Joseph Preschool  
November 22, 2011



Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving Day is right around the corner! I have been meeting with all of you to discuss the progress your children are making in preschool. What I learn from conferences always helps me to be a more sensitive and attentive teacher. Some common threads that seem to run throughout all of the conferences is the desire for parents to raise their children into honest, faith filled adults who respect God, their neighbors and themselves. What an incredible and sometimes overwhelming responsibility in today's world! We cannot let the world form our children; but rather submit to God's Will for our families and children. This means limiting TV time, praying with our children, attending Mass together and refusing to buy into every whim our children desire. They do not need the latest fashions or toys. They need you and your time, not "stuff". Parents are obligated to say "No" to their children at times and mean it! **Please know that I am thankful for all of you! I am thankful for the smiles of your children and the creativity they display.**



In the three year old class, we look forward to our Shape Celebration on Tuesday, December 1. Please continue to send in shape show and tell items this month and into December. My favorite part of the shape celebration is eating the various shape crackers! Ask your children about "feeding" Mr. Bear shapes and if he makes a mess while eating! Ask them about his belly growling! Some of the children are still confusing squares and rectangles. Please reinforce this learning at home. Thank you for your support.

Parents of the three year old class: Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Gingerbread House Decorating on Tuesday, December 13 at 10:30 AM. All supplies will be provided for you and your preschooler to create a gingerbread house.

The December show and tell schedule is now online. **Please note that all preschool families are invited to attend the School Christmas Concert on December 14 at 1:15 and the wonderful Re Creation Concert on December 19 at 1:30 PM.**

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!  
Gratefully,  
Marie Bair and Patti Bria