



## *A Valentine Prayer*

I said a valentine prayer for you and asked the Lord above to fill your heart and bless your soul

With the precious gift of love. I asked Him for sincere love, the kind that's meant to stay just like the generous love you give to those you touch each day. I prayed for love from family and from every cherished friend then I asked the Lord to give you His love that knows no end.



### **FROM the Principal's Desk:**

February Greetings from the Principal's Desk! It seems hard to believe that during this upcoming month, we will be celebrating the 100th Day of School! It doesn't seem possible that we have already passed through that many days and are already more than halfway through the school year. Can you believe it? Please take a moment and look back on what the first 100 days have added to your child's "learning repertoire", you would be able to name things like:

- My child has learned to read!
- My child has made some great new friends!
- My child has navigated some challenging social situations.
- My child's class has taken a great field trip that related to their grade level curriculum.
- My child has learned more about reading nonfiction text selections.
- My child has mastered many sight words.
- My child has solved math problems using a variety of strategies.
- My child has learned from their mistakes.
- My child's brain has grown!
- What would you add to this list? Ask your child what their favorite new thing to learn has been this year so far.

The most important idea about all of these learning accomplishments is that they couldn't have happened in isolation in each individual classroom, but took the collaboration of teachers, support staff, administration, parents, and your child(ren). The learning that goes on each and every day in schools across the world, should be, a collaborative effort. The more teamwork that occurs, the better off our students are. We appreciate you collaborating with us along the way! Thank you for your support!

### ***Helping with Math at home...***

Perhaps most important of all – encourage a "growth mindset" let students know that they have unlimited maths potential and that being good at maths is all about working hard. When children have a growth mindset, they do well with challenges and do better in school overall. When children have a fixed mindset and they encounter difficult work, they often conclude that they are not "a math person". One way in which parents encourage a fixed mindset is by telling their children they are "smart" when they do something well. That seems like a nice thing to do, but it sets children up for difficulties later, as when kids fail at something they will inevitably conclude that they aren't smart after all. Instead use growth praise such as "it is great that you have learned that", "I really like your thinking about that". When they tell you something is hard for them, or they have made a mistake, tell them: "That's wonderful, your brain is growing!"

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## **February's virtue is Respect & Responsibility**

The importance of Respect & Responsibility:



A virtue is a habit or established capability to perform good functions according to a moral standard. In other words, a virtue is a habit that

shows people and God that we are a good person. This month, we will be looking at the importance of the virtues of respect and responsibility. God has called us to model the respect shown by Christ. As brothers and sisters who share one Spirit, we are all valuable to God and deserve to be shown courtesy, consideration, sensitivity and thoughtfulness—all ways of showing respect. We shall remind students that through prayer, we improve our ability to be Christ-filled people—respecting ourselves, others and our environment in which we live.

We will also be celebrating responsibility. We will work with students to develop models that enable them to make good and conscientious decisions based on scriptural values. We will emphasize the importance of making decisions that do not harm themselves, others or the environment. We will also remind the students of the importance of being able to say “sorry” when they make mistakes and to act correctly, as Jesus would have, in these situations.



### **Reminder – Professional Activity Days**

*The school will be closed on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> for Professional Activity Days.*

### **Report Cards**

*The report card for Term 1 will be going home on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please watch for them...*

### **Junior Kindergarten Registration**

*Registration for the 2017-18 school year was held at all Northeastern Catholic District School Board elementary schools on: Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. If you missed this date, please call the school at 705-567-5800 to make arrangements to come in at a future date. Junior Kindergarten - Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Please spread the word...*



### **Student Information**

*It is most important that we have up-to-date records of your address, phone numbers, and emergency contacts in the event that the school must contact you regarding your child. If there have been any changes, please ensure that we have your most current information.*

### **Rough Play**

*While outside during recess students sometimes find themselves engaging in inappropriate activities that involve rough play. Pushing, shoving, tackling, play fighting and wrestling are all unacceptable activities that compromise student safety. Please reinforce with your children the inherent dangers of rough play, even when the intent is fun.*

### **Subway Lunch**

*We are offering a Subway Lunch to our students on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please make sure that you have completed and turned in your order form.*

### **Shrove Tuesday**

*With the help of some Catholic School Council parent volunteers, we will be serving pancakes, fruit and juice to our students on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> for their morning snack.*