

# St. John's Kindergarten & Preschool News

## Friday, February 3, 2012

### Memory Treasure

4 year old and 5 year old kindergarten students are responsible for the following memory verse. One of the greatest gifts we can give our children is a foundation in God's Word. Please practice this Bible passage with your child.

**4 year old & 5 Year Old Memory Verse:**  
"Because I live, you also will live." (John 14:19b)

**The 5 Year Old Kindergarten** will also begin working on the 10 Commandments.

The First Commandment  
You shall have no other gods.

### Show and Tell

Show and Tell for Friday, February 10 will focus on the letter R!

### Dates to Remember

**Monday, Feb. 6** - 4K & 5K Family Night -6:30

**Fri., Feb. 17** -No School-WASSAC Tourney

**Fri., Feb. 25** - No School - Teachers' Conf.

### Christ Light

This week we saw how Jesus once again showed that He is true God. He forgave the paralyzed man his sins and then healed him. We talked about how much more important our forgiveness is over our earthly blessings.

### 4K & 5K Open House

The children should be in our classroom on Monday, Feb. 7 no later than 6:20, so that we are ready to begin at 6:30. Remember, you may bring guests if you wish. **If your child is not going to be here, please send a note with your child on Monday or give me a call so that we know not to wait for him or her.**

The evening will not be a late evening. The entertainment portion of our evening will last around 15 minutes. Mr. Schlavensky will have some comments and the classroom will be open

for viewing. You are welcome to enjoy refreshments and fellowship! See you there!

### Puzzles

The 5 Year old kindergarten children were given the challenge of putting together 100 piece puzzles on Thursday. This was a challenge! The children worked in small groups of 3 - 4. Puzzles are great for young children! If you have some puzzles at home that would be age appropriate, work with your children to put some puzzles together! We worked on identifying edge pieces that have a straight edge. This wasn't easy for many of the children to do! We tried to group pieces with similar colors. We also had to practice patience, because a puzzle takes a bit of time! I've added a few other reasons below that show the value of puzzles.

■**Physical skills.** As children grasp, hold, turn, and fit puzzle pieces, they develop eye-hand coordination and fine-motor dexterity.

■**Cognitive skills.** By piecing together an image, children gain experience in solving problems. Puzzle-solving experiences help children learn math concepts such as sorting, classifying, comparing, sets, size, and spatial relationships.

■**Social skills.** When puzzle solving with friends, children learn how to negotiate with others, control their own actions, and learn various problem-solving techniques. Watching others solve puzzles helps children discover new puzzle-solving strategies and encourages them to share their own. Guiding, supporting, and encouraging the process of a puzzle's completion helps children develop leadership skills.

■**Emotional skills.** Puzzle solving is fun and engaging. At the end of a puzzle-solving activity, children feel pleased with themselves. They gain confidence in their ability as problem solvers and feel willing to try new puzzles or other challenging activities.

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### Valentine's Day

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on **Monday, February 13th.** We'll celebrate a day early so that the 4K and 5K children can celebrate together! If your child would like to exchange valentines, please be sure that there is one for each of the 18 children in our classroom to avoid hurt feelings. We'll be making our valentine mailboxes out of oatmeal canisters that have been donated.

Naomi K.	Kooper R.
Adrian S.	Jacey S.
Leia A.	Chloee B.
Kade C.	Deanna F.
EdBart G.	Max N.
Sebie P.	Caleb P.
Markus R.	Yasmine S.
Joanna S.	Ollie S.
Megan S.	Issac V.

### Book Orders

Attached to today's newsletter are book orders for February. Book orders are due on Monday, February 13. If you choose to order, please make your checks out to me or you may send cash. I do my ordering online and will complete the orders online with a credit card. If you would like to, you can use the internet to directly place your orders. The website is [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs). Our class activation code is GV8J2. Remember book orders are optional!