

# KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT

**February/March 2017**

*"May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your  
face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His  
hand." – Traditional Gaelic Blessing*



## DID YOU KNOW:

Folklore has it that St. Patrick would use the shamrock to explain the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The word "shamrock" comes from the Gaelic word "seamrog" (In Gaelic, it means "summer plant") meaning "trefoil" (three leafed) or "little clover". In Arabia, it is called shamrakh. It was a sacred emblem in Iran and to the Persian triads. It is also a sacred plant among the Druids. Shamrock is the national flower of Ireland. Many Irish people wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day. This explains the color green and shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day. The Kinder team has a recommendation, if you do not wear green on St. Patrick's Day, you will get pinched! We hope everyone has a blessed Lent, Easter and St. Patrick's Day.

## IMPORTANT DATES:



- February 22 - Half Day (12:15 p.m. dismissal - No After School)
- February 23-24 - No School (Rodeo Break)
- February 28 - Jr. High Show (buy tickets now!)
- March 1 - Ash Wednesday Mass; Online Registration Begins
- March 2 - Jr. High Show (buy tickets now)
- March 9 - Online Registration Ends
- March 10 - No School (Diocesan In-service for staff)
- March 13-17 - No School (Spring Break)
- March 25 - "The Event" (formerly known as the auction)

**\*\*\*Note to parents:** We are running low on paper towels and sanitizing wipes. If you are able would you be able to donate a few rolls to get us through the end of the year? Thank you so much.\*\*\*

## Literacy:

- Retelling stories
- Identify beginning, middle and end
- Word families
- Phoneme isolation
- Word blending and building
- First 70 sight words
- Last names
- Dr. Seuss

## Math:

- Calendar math
- Estimation
- Simple addition and subtraction
- Odd and even
- Counting to 100
- Place value
- Greater than and less than
- Telling time to the hour



## Science:

- Ramps and balls
- Food plate
- Good eating habits
- Weather



## Social Studies:

- St. Patrick
- Sequencing historical events
- Researching Dr. Seuss



## Religion:

- Lent
- Stations of the Cross
- Reflection time
- Holy Days of Triduum

**"I try to be grateful for the abundance of the blessings that I have, for the journey that I'm on and to relish each day as a gift." James McGreevey**