

Dear Parents,

One of the goals of our Christian Education program at Sheridan is to encourage the memorization of selected portions of Scripture and the Catechism as well as memorization of the Books of the Bible. Studies prove that the earlier children begin to memorize, the longer these truths and facts will stay with them. Repetition and memorization is a very meaningful tool to help children discover truths from God's Word.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 still applies... "Never forget these commands that I am giving you today. Teach them to your children. Repeat them when you are at home and when you are away, when you are resting and when you are working...Write them on the doorpost of your houses and on your gates."

A copy of your child's memorization assignment is attached to this letter. Children have the entire school year to work on this memory work but they are invited to recite the memory assignment to one of their teachers earlier if they are ready. Children are also encouraged to learn the memory work of preceding grades. Certificates of achievement will be awarded for accomplishment of each memorization component. More information about the memorization program as well as the assignments for all of the grades can be found on the Sheridan website.

This year we are excited to also be able to add a new dimension to the memory work with the addition of Bible verses to each of the rooms in the new education wing. Children and their families are encouraged to walk through the new space to find all of the verses and to commit those verses to memory as well.

Please call or e-mail me with any questions or concerns about this or any of our other Children's Ministry programs.

Blessings,

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Preschool

Song: "*Jesus Loves Me*"

Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong

Jesus loves me He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let his little child come in

Jesus loves me! He will stay,
Close beside me all the way;
He's prepared a home for me,
And some day His face I'll see.

Bible verses:

"I trust God's love forever and ever." Psalm 52: 8

"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

Kindergarten

Season of the Church Year said as a chant: "Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter (Alleluia) and a Pentecost Event"

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1st Grade: The Lord's Prayer and John 3:16

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16

2nd Grade: The Ten Commandments

The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods.

The Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

The Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

The Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother.

The Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder.

The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.

The Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal.

The Eighth Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

The Ninth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

3rd Grade: The Books of the Bible, (66 in all)

Old Testament Books

(39 of them)

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

Joshua

Judges

Ruth

1 Samuel

2 Samuel

1 Kings

2 Kings

1 Chronicles

2 Chronicles

Ezra

Nehemiah

Esther

Job

Psalms

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

Song of Solomon

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Lamentations

Ezekiel

Daniel

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

New Testament Books

(27 of them)

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

1 Peter

2 Peter

1 John

2 John

3 John

Jude

Revelations

4th Grade: The Apostles Creed and Matthew 28:19-20

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He arose again.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

5th Grade: The 23rd Psalm and the names of the 12 disciples

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters;
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
For you are with me;
Your rod and staff--
They comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
In the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The 12 Disciples of Jesus

Simon Peter
Andrew
James
John
Philip
Bartholomew
Matthew
Thomas
James, son of Alphaeus
Simon, the Zealot or Patriot
Thaddeus
Judas Iscariot