

THE PRESTON JUNIOR PILGRIM

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

“GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O GOD MY FATHER” is what came to mind as I drove into church this morning surrounded by leaves changing color with all their beauty, we, who are New Englanders, have come to know. The hymn by this name written by Thomas Chisolm happens to be one of my favorites. Why?

WE ALL KNOW life is full of changes...with our relationships, jobs, health to name a few. How meaningful to us that God *never* changes. God is with us all the way. God is full of compassion for his children. I believe he cries with us in our sorrows and cheers with us in our victories.

The songwriter continues: “Pardon for sin And a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today And bright hope for tomorrow Blessings all mine, With ten thousand beside.” What greater blessings can we receive than peace, strength, and hope. In the season of Thanksgiving soon to be upon us, let’s not ever take our Savior for granted, but be thankful for all the blessings we have received remembering God’s constancy among them.

LET US BE SURE to share our faith with the children. Tell them what the Lord has done for you. I really believe faith can be caught as well as taught. We need to make God real to them and I always pray God will show me and you how to influence young minds to be strong in the Lord for all the temptations of this world that will come their way. May they come to see how Great is God’s faithfulness for themselves.

May the **SON**shine through me,

Sandy Dudek

OCTOBER BIBLE VERSES

Students Nursery 3-Grade 2

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me.” (Mark 10:14b)

Students Grades 3-12:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:37-39

NOVEMBER BIBLE VERSES

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mark 12:31)

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19 **The Great Commission**

PLEASE ENCOURAGE students to learn these verses. To qualify for an award at the end of the year, verses must be correctly recited by the end of each month to a Bible Memory Verse Coordinator assigned by Mrs. Dudek. **The May verse needs to be recited by May 5th to allow time for those receiving a Bible Memory Verses award.** Nursery 3 & 4 students say their verse to the teacher and she will mark them off.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS will begin in October. Notices will be sent home with the children as to the dates and time. It will be presented at 4:00 p.m. on December 16th. Tiffany Barry will be directing those children 1st grade and up. A pageant is being selected at this time. Melissa Blondet will present "*The Nativity*" with children in our Nursery 3, Nursery 4, and kindergarten classes. These children will not have speaking parts, but will have a meaningful experience acting out Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. A "live" baby Jesus will be present!

FOLLOWING THE PAGEANT we plan to have light refreshments. We need a coordinator for this. Please speak to Sandy or call the church office if you might be interested.