

Teacher Comments

We will be concentrating on the Mass for the next two months. It is really very important that you and your child attend Mass together. We will be referring to readings and what the priest said or did at the 9:30 Mass just before class that morning. If your child has not had this experience, it will be more difficult for him/her to grasp all of the concepts. It is one thing for me as the teacher to say that Mass attendance is important, but you as the parent must also make the effort to bring your child to Mass before class each week or my words lose their effectiveness. Receiving First Communion is not just a chance for your child to get new clothes and have a party. This is a big step in his/her faith life and relationship with Jesus. Sunday mass should be a part of that relationship.

In January, your child received a prayer book with the prayers of the Mass. "You should help your child use this book at Mass every Sunday. I will do some explaining in class, but you will be there next to your child at church and in a much better position to help him/her to learn to say the responses and pray along with the priest at Mass. This is a very special and exciting time for your child as he/she prepares to receive Jesus for the first time.