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Even though the children have only been in school 13 days, I am amazed at how much growth and progress they have made! Every day a child surprises me with what they can now do and what they remember. It's been a pleasure.

In Religion, we learned that God made the light. We learned that God made the sun, moon, and the stars. We discussed how important the sun is for all living things. We also discussed what our favorite things are to do in the day and night.

This week we worked on the letters J-N. We are still reviewing the letters in the alphabet. We read some folk tales and discussed the clues that tell us if a story is true or make-believe.

We began our new book "All About Me". The children will be working on it almost every day for about two more weeks. Then the books will be put together and shared with the class.

We continued to work on the concepts of sorting and matching in math. We have been looking more carefully at and have been trying very hard to sort objects in a variety of ways. You should have received your child's "Check Your Progress" page yesterday and last week. Please review this page with your child, correct any errors and return them to school on Monday. If they have some problems, or you feel that they need to review, remember that you can visit www.sadlier-oxford.com for review sheets and games to help your child. The children took their first Math test on Friday. A copy of the test will come home on Monday for you to review with your child.

The children also completed a book about shapes. The book should have come home with your child today. The children are very excited to have a book of their own that they can read. Please save this book in a special place so that your child can continue to practice reading.

Grandparents' Day is Sunday, September 13. Your child should have brought home two hugs last week for Grandparents' Day. If your child will not be able to personally deliver the cards on Grandparents' Day, please help your child mail the cards. You can visit <http://www.grandparents-day.com/> to learn more about

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Grandparents Day and some activities your family can do to make it a special day.

The children's handwriting has already begun to improve. I am so excited to see most of the children writing their names correctly (with a capital and lower case letters). I'm sure you have noticed the change on their worksheets.

Clifford, the big red dog, left our classroom last Friday. The children are very excited to have a chance to bring Clifford home. They can't wait to read to him, sleep with him, and have great adventures with him. I hope you enjoy his visit when he comes home with your child.

We worked together to create a large American flag to commemorate the tragedy on September 11, 2001. We are proudly displaying it in the hallway across from our classroom.

The Hot Lunch program started on Tuesday. Many of the children were very excited to try the new foods. As you complete the order for next month I ask you to talk to your child about the different selections and if they had tried them before. Sometimes the way it is made at school doesn't always taste the same as mom or dad makes it and the children don't eat much. We want to make sure the children are eating to stay healthy and have a productive afternoon. If I notice your child refuses to eat a particular meal I will do my best to let you know.

You should have found a slip of paper in the Thursday envelope asking for some help with supplies for our weeklong study of apples. Please make sure to turn in your item on Monday, September 21.

Lunch Helpers: Please remember that you need to register for VIRTUS classes and a background check if you have not done so in the past. Also, if you cannot make it on your scheduled day, please try to find a sub if you are the only one scheduled for that day. I have posted the lunch helper calendar on my web site for you.

Next Week: Letters O-U, Solid & Plane Shapes
Sunday: Grandparents' Day
Tuesday: 8:30 Mass