

FUN AND SUN

Join Us For

SUMMER

extended learning



JULY 10TH - AUGUST 18TH

OPTIONS FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS

AT ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL

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DEAR PARENTS:

SUMMER extended learning

Again, St. Stephens is offering Summer Extended Learning Sessions. These are 3 hour long sessions that last over the course of one week. Each day there will be separate AM and PM sessions. You will find a schedule for each age group and program descriptions below. The age groups will be PK3-Gr. 1, Gr. 2-5, and Gr. 5-8. Students can bring a bagged lunch to eat between sessions if they sign-up for both the AM & PM session.

AM Sessions will run 9:00am-12:00pm.

Lunch will run 12:00-12:30pm.

PM Sessions will run 12:30-3:30pm.

Each session (AM or PM) costs \$125 for the week. If you are signed up for both AM and PM, the cost will be \$250 for the week. Payment is due prior to the first day of the session. Payment goes directly to the teacher. Once registered, each teacher will reach out to participants and give details on payment methods and any specifics to their program.

Some programs have limited availability and you will be notified if you are place on a waitlist.

All programs are subject to cancellation if a minimum number of students is not reached. Parents will be given at least one week notice if a session is to be cancelled.

Registration will take place via Google Form.

Please contact Kacey Calato for any questions at calatok@ststephengi.org



THANK YOU!



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PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING PRE-K 3- 1ST GRADE:

WEEK 1 (JULY 10-14)	AM	1	Under the Sea
	PM		
WEEK 2 (JULY 17-21)	AM	2	Literacy for Littles: Pig the Pug
	PM	3	Crayon Creations
WEEK 3 (JULY 24-28)	AM	4	Edible Engineering
	PM	5	Out of this World
WEEK 4 (JULY 31-AUGUST 4)	AM	6	Cookie Craze
	PM	7	The Wild West
WEEK 5 (AUGUST 7-11)	AM	8	Let's Go Camping!
	PM	9	All About Eric Carle
WEEK 6 (AUGUST 14-18)	AM	10	Literacy for Littles: The Good Egg
	PM	11	Delicious Donuts

Pre-K 3- 1st Grade

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:

1. UNDER THE SEA

Teacher: Miss Mermigas

This week will be filled with sea life stories and exploration! From mermaids to jellyfish, we will explore all different kinds of sea creatures, fiction and nonfiction! We will create soapy seafoam, ocean in a bottle, paper bag jellyfish, and help make our very own underwater jello treats to celebrate and eat! We will also build our own boat to see if it sinks or floats!

2. LITERACY FOR LITTLE: PIG THE PUG

Teacher: Mrs. Calato

Join us as we read, play, and make alongside everyone's favorite silly dog: Pig the Pug. Each day we will read a different story about Pig. We will be doing Pig directed drawings, pug paper bag puppets, and practicing counting and measuring when making Pig the Pug cupcakes.

3. CRAYON CREATIONS

Teacher: Mrs. Calato

Join Mrs. Calato and get crafty with crayons! We will be making melted crayon stained glass art, learning about the melting point of crayons and making our own names out of crayons, reading The Day the Crayons Quit, discussing what makes each of us unique, and making pencil holders to take home! This will certainly be a colorful week!

4. EDIBLE ENGINEERING

Teacher: Miss Lombardo & Miss Renee

Join us for loads of fun while we get creative with building, engineering and science experiments. We will be building structures with gumdrops and making marshmallow snowmen. We will be making apple volcanoes and erupting lemons in some fun food experiments. Apple boat races and making an orange soda treat will end our exciting week!

5. OUT OF THIS WORLD

Teachers: Miss Lombardo & Miss Renee

This week's afternoon session will be "Out of this World"! We will be creating the phases of the moon using Oreos and making our own galaxy playdough to take home. We will also be playing an asteroid toss game and enjoying Astronaut Ice Cream as an extra special treat. We will end our exploration by making Earth suncatchers and discovering why there are craters on the Moon.

6. COOKIE CRAZE

Teacher: Miss Lombardo & Miss Renee

We're ready to get crazy with cookies! Over the next week, we will be making a different kind of cookie everyday and take a vote on which one we liked better at the end of the week. We will be making some sugar cookie playdough and having an Oreo stacking challenge. We will also be decorating gingerbread cookies to take home and reading some really fun cookie books. We're going to have the sweetest time!

7. THE WILD WEST

Teachers: Miss Lombardo & Miss Renee

There are some new sheriffs in town! This week we will be exploring the Wild West by making pool noodle horses, desert sand slime and fun cowboy hats. Hopefully we don't come across any rattlesnakes! We will also be panning for gold and taking our horses for a ride. YEEHAW!

8. LET'S GO CAMPING!

Teachers: Miss Lombardo & Miss Renee

Let us ease some of your "tent"sion. This week is all about camping. We will be making some marshmallow slime, having a chocolate bar stacking challenge and building tents with toothpicks and marshmallows. We will also be making lantern suncatchers and fireflies in a jar. Everyone will participate in a s'mores relay race and help make s'mores trail mix for a yummy snack. Join us for lots of fun!

9. ALL ABOUT ERIC CARLE

Teacher: Miss Lombardo & Miss Renee

This week we will be diving into 5 different Eric Carle books and pair some fun activities to go along with them. We will be making clothespin click beetles, color mixing with chameleons and going on a color hunt around the room with brown bear. We will finish off the week with bug exploration and comparison, inkblot clouds and a tasty cloud jello treat. We can't wait!

10. LITERACY FOR LITTLES: THE GOOD EGG

Teachers: Mrs. Calato

Let's dig into character education with The Good Egg and his friends, The Bad Seed, The Sour Grape, and The Smart Cookie. We will be reading one Jory John book each day and doing correlating activities. We will be making sugar cookies, planting sunflower seeds, and making our own "good egg" affirmations!

II. DELICIOUS DONUTS

Teachers: Mrs. Smith

“Donut” you want to join us for donut-themed fun? Every day we will be trying a new baked donut recipe. We will be making everything from Funfetti Donuts to Oreo donuts, playing donut bingo, learning how we can sprinkle others with kindness, and even making donut scented soap! This is sure to be a sweet week!

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PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 2ND GRADE-5TH GRADE:

WEEK 1 (JULY 10-14)	AM	12	Christmas Around the World
	PM		
WEEK 2 (JULY 17-21)	AM	13	Diary of a Wimpy Kid
		14	Wild About Sewing and Cooking: Session 1
		15	Spanish Phonics: Let's Read "Huevos Verdes con Jamon" (Green Eggs & Ham)
	PM	16	Wild About Sewing and Cooking: Session 2
		17	Summer Sports: Session 1
WEEK 3 (JULY 24-28)	AM	18	Reader's Theater
		19	Summer Musical Week 1
		20	Great Games Galore
		21	Spanish Phonics: Let's Read "Un Pez, Dos Peces, Pez Rojo, Pez Azul" (One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish)
PM	22	History Comes Alive: Session 1	
	23	Summer Sports: Session 2	
WEEK 4 (JULY 31- AUGUST 4)	AM	24	What's the SCOOP? With Reading Summer Musical Week 2
	PM	25	Character Counts with Jory John
		26	Summer Sports: Session 3
WEEK 5 (AUGUST 7-11)	AM	27	History Comes Alive: Session 2 Summer Musical Week 3
	PM	28	Exploration Station
WEEK 6 (AUGUST 14-18)	AM	29	Lost in Space Summer Musical Week 4
		30	Coding/Video Game Design
	PM	31	Delicious Donuts

2nd - 5th Grade

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:

12. CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Teacher: Miss Cacciatore

Each day of the week we will explore how a different country celebrates their holiday. We will cook traditional food, make a craft, and do other various holiday related activities. The countries we will explore are: Italy, France, England, Spain and Ireland.

13. DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

Teacher: Miss Collins

Join us for a full week of celebrating the 19 Diary of a Wimpy Kid books! Campers will create their own diary full of thoughts and cartoons, participate in themed games and crafts, and find out just what life is like for Greg Heffley. We will even be making cartoon versions of ourselves!

14/16. WILD ABOUT SEWING & COOKING

Teacher: Ms. Mistriner

(**Please note: Sessions 1 & 2 of Wild About Sewing & Cooking are the same content**)

Come to the jungle and cool off this summer while we sew jungle stuffed animals, safari hats and safari bags! Hunt for bugs and animals with the binoculars that we make. Themed snacks will be provided every day, students will learn how to prepare them. Students will learn to cook lunch outside and picnic in the jungle on the last day after watching "The Jungle Book".

15. SPANISH PHONICS: LET'S READ "HUEVOS VERDES CON JAMON" (GREEN EGGS & HAM)

Teacher: Mrs. Sippel

This session is only for **Grades 4-8!**

During this session, we will practice the pronunciation of the Spanish alphabet, syllable combinations, and basic words to prepare us for the book. We will also play games and read one on one conversation modules.

17/23/26. SUMMER SPORTS

Teacher: Mrs. Sippel

This session is only for **Grades 4-8!**

Let's stay active! We will practice Basketball, Soccer, and kickball throughout the week. For Basketball and Soccer, we will start with drills and later move on to scrimmages. Soccer and Kickball will be held outside (we will move indoors in the event of rain or extreme heat). Please bring at least 2 bottles of water and a snack.

18. READER'S THEATER

Teacher: Ms. Richter

Lights! Camera! Action! Theater geeks and book worms unite! Come to the theater and read along with us and act out Jack and the Beanstalk and other tall tales! We will "dramatically" improve fluency and comprehension with our favorite scripts!

19. SUMMER MUSICAL

Teacher: Mr. Alessi

This enrichment program is only open for
Grades 3-8!

If your child enjoys music and/or theatre then consider signing up for our summer musical production! Each child will be cast as a character and will rehearse lines, blocking, vocals, and choreography in order to put on a performance at the end of the summer. Hope to see you at auditions!

The musical will run for 4 weeks from July 24th to August 18th . **Students should be able to attend all four weeks..**

21. SPANISH PHONICS: LET'S READ "UN PEZ, DOS PECES, PEZ ROJO, PEZ AZUL" (ONE FISH, TWO FISH, RED FISH, BLUE FISH)

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24. WHAT'S THE SCOOP? WITH READING

Teacher: Mrs. Calato

Let's practice a necessary skill in reading comprehension and have fun while we do it! Readers will get the "SCOOP" on reading and practice how to retell a story from start to finish. We will end the week with ice cream sundaes to celebrate our new skills!

20. GREAT GAMES GALORE

Teacher: Ms. Kaeser

Trying to beat summer boredom? This learning experience offers peer socialization, mental strategies, playing by the rules, fine motor skills development and so much more!!!.

There will be different game opportunities everyday: anywhere from board games to outdoor yard games!

Students are encouraged to bring in their favorite board type games to share!

22/27. HISTORY COMES ALIVE

Teachers: Mr. Courtney

(**Please note: Sessions 1 & 2 of History Comes Alive are the same content**)

Take a trip through history! Each day of the week you will live like the people of five different time periods. We will use STREAM-based problem solving to make catapults and other artifacts, build castles and fortresses, create armor and experience the culture of each time period.

The periods we will explore are: Ancient Greece; Ancient Rome; The Middle Ages; The Revolutionary War and the Civil War.

25. CHARACTER COUNTS WITH JORY JOHN

Teacher: Mrs. Calato

This reading-based summer program dives into another important reading comprehension skill: character analysis. We will read a different Jory John (author of The Good Egg) book each day. Readers will also make sugar cookies with The Smart Cookie, plant sunflower seeds with The Bad Seed and practice opinion writing with The Good Egg.

28. EXPLORATION STATION

Teacher: Mrs. Slipko

Each day a different theme will be on the springboard for creative thinking. Activities will span art, culinary arts, engineering, problem solving, and figuring out a mystery or two!

Mon.: Color & More

Tues.: Myths & Legends

Wed.: Kitchen Chemistry

Thurs.: Solve the Mystery

Fri.: Pirate Treasure

29. LOST IN SPACE

Teacher: Mrs. Smith

Blast off into space with this STREAM based session! We will be mixing and measuring our own galaxy playdough, building a balloon-powered space rover, making model planets out of clay, learning about time with DIY sundials and building a rocket ship out of boxes! Aspiring astronauts are sure to love this program!

30. CODING/VIDEO GAME DESIGN

Teacher: Mr. Buttino

This session is only for **Grades 4-8!**

Learn cool computer tricks, coding hacks, and even how to make basic video games!

Ever wonder how they make video games? Well, now you can make your own! With GameMaker Software, easy drag and drop allows you to make a game, and still customize it in whatever way you want! In this class, you'll also learn different computer tricks to make school work easier for you. We may also explore the ins and outs of creating a webpage! Come with all your tech questions and we will tackle them one by one. Please bring a snack, as we will break up our lessons throughout each day.

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	PM		
WEEK 2 (JULY 17-21)	AM	15	Spanish Phonics: Let's Read "Huevos Verdes con Jamon" (Green Eggs & Ham)
	PM	17	Summer Sports: Session 1
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WEEK 5 (AUGUST 7-11)	AM		Summer Musical Week 3
	PM		
WEEK 6 (AUGUST 14-18)	AM	30	Coding/Video Game Design Summer Musical Week 4
	PM	33	Volleyball

5th - 8th Grade

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:

32. LET'S GET GROWING!

Teacher: Mr. Kenline

This session is only for **Grades 5-8!**

This week we'll be working in the class gardens and preparing a pollinator garden on our school grounds. We will also be doing some work with hydroponics, and work on setting up some home composting systems that the kids and their families can use to help recycle vegetable scraps and waste.

We'll also spend some time with our bees and building some housing for native mason and orchard bees.

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33. VOLLEYBALL

Teacher: Mr. Buttino

This session is only for **Grades 5-8!**

Learn the sport and how to play cooperatively as a team!

Calling all beginner and advanced volleyball players: there is a class for you! In this class, we will go over everything you need to know about volleyball (so no need to worry if your skills aren't up to speed)! You'll learn serving, setting, passing, bumping, spiking, game rules, strategies, scoring, and more. Use these skills to play fun scrimmages against fellow classmates in some friendly competition! Please bring water and a snack, as we will break up our lessons throughout each day.

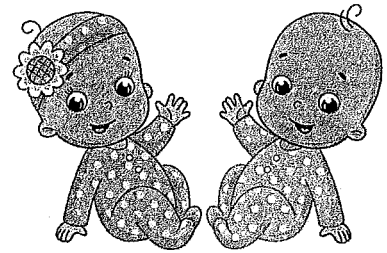
Mission Club - Bottles for Babies

St. Mary's Center for Life

256 3rd Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14301
(716) 622-4571



Baby items, diapers, clothing



Beauty in Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls is known for its incredible waterfalls and related attractions. People from around the world come to witness its beauty and majesty.

But Chuck and Mary Ann Vacanti are offering something else truly beautiful in this New York locale: support for new mothers so they will be less likely to abort future children.

The independent charity, **St. Mary's Center For Life**, was designed to help these women, as many in the area face economic hardships.

"In our area there is very little assistance for pregnant moms, babies, and their older siblings," said Chuck Vacanti. "People don't realize that Niagara Falls is a poor area so close to the majestic falls."

The organization works through local social workers from the area's agencies, including hospitals and shelters. It also has partnered with local houses of worship. Support offered includes clothing, baby items, diapers, dishes, other household items, and furniture, such as youth beds.

"We also provide winter snowsuits and jackets for the children, and winter coats for the moms," he said. "If we take some of the burden away from the moms, they will be better able to support their children now and welcome any future children. We want them to know and feel the support of their community."

This is a mission they have dedicated approximately the last decade of their lives to, helping more families with each passing year. "This last year we helped 235 kids and 20 moms with clothes," he said. "We also have given out about 100 or more winter coats."

The Vacantis know there are people who believe the pro-life movement ignores mothers in need once their babies are born and safe from abortion (which is of course, largely untrue). Their work helps show the reality that love and care continues past birth. It's about celebrating the lives of innocent children.

"My wife and I love kids," Chuck Vacanti said. "We have four adult children and five grandchildren."

Speaking of children, the Vacantis also adore the many youths in the area who have been inspired to help with the efforts. A group of high school girls from Mount St. Mary's Academy in Tonawanda held a clothing drive for St. Mary's.

"The kids really get it," Chuck Vacanti said. "They love unconditionally."

"I think all kids are pro-life," he said.

"There are a lot of wonderful people in our community that don't mind helping if they know there's a need," Vacanti added. "None of this would be possible without the support of our faith community. We function strictly by donations, and we are all volunteers."

St. Mary's has even had a visit from pro-life leader Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life.

"He absolutely loved our center and what we were doing," Vacanti said.

Chuck Vacanti also wanted to make clear that this program isn't limited to helping Christian families.

"Our center is open to all races and faiths, showing love for other people," he said.

Families in need who are local to the area can find St. Mary's Center for Life at 256 3rd St. in Niagara Falls, New York.

Chris Alexis

Chris Alexis is a writer and marketer in the education sector. He started out as pro-choice but over time abortion became harder and harder for him to justify, and through the course of personal experience the married father of three came to a profoundly different place, where he now feels the call to use his gifts to save unborn children.

ST. Stephens is looking for students 5th-8th grade to participate in the National Catechism Contest to represent our school.

The DEADLINE to Register is MONDAY, JUNE 12th, 2023. Registration cost is \$15.00 per student. Make check payable to St. Stephens School, attention Ms. Kaeser



September 25-29, 2023

**Join 20 fellow schools in the National Catechism Contest.
Last day to register is June 12 !**

Faith Platforms presents the National Catechism Contest, a fun faith competition with emphasis on the Catechism and the Bible. This engaging competition will help young Catholics to learn, know and understand their faith.

Competition Highlights

- The top 3 schools or parishes each win between \$1,500 - \$5,000 in cash along with a certificate of award.
- The top 3 students from each school or parish will receive a trophy and prizes worth up to \$1,000.
- Free access to CatholicBrain.com will be granted during the summer to help students prepare for the competition.
- The competition is open to all Catholic schools and parishes in the United States and Canada. Homeschool Students can participate through their parish.
- Only students in 5th - 8th grade are eligible to participate.

Where does the competition take place?

The competition will take place on the CatholicBrain website during the week of September 25 - September 29, 2023.

What is the National Catechism Content?

The National Catechism Contest is a fun catechism and bible competition brought to you by Faith Platforms & CatholicBrain. The purpose of the competition is to test students knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith.



**Please Join Us for our Spring Concert
on Thursday, June 15**

**The concert will be held at
St. Stephen Church at 7 PM**

**Come see our Pre-School to Grade 8
children perform a variety of songs
for your pleasure!**

**Performers please wear
your Sunday best!**



HSA Updates for May 31, 2023

18 More days till Summer!

UPCOMING

Tuesday, June 13th

Dads N Doughnuts (grades 3-8)

8:15-8:45

Friday, June 16th @1:30

Flyers will be sent by teachers

Dads N Dogs (PreK4-2nd)

Field Days June 22nd

Still Looking for a Committee and Volunteers

Look for communication from Room Parents

If interested call/text Kelly Holland (716)698-8773

Join us for the St. Stephen School Welcome Back 5k on 9/9/2023.

Registration is open.

**Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/GrandIsland/StStephenSchoolWelcomeBack5K>
for more information and to register!**

Leftover Fish Fry Food For sale

Three Fish Filets 5lbs bags (about 11 pieces) \$40 each

LOTS of Bags of Mac N Cheese \$12 each

If interested in purchasing any please call/text Kate Burke @ (716) 228-1626



Saturday, June 17th ~ GI Town Commons

8-9:45am - Registration & Setup

9:45-9:55am - Participant Photo on the Hill

10am-2pm - Sell, Sell, Sell

REGISTRATION

It's faster and easier than ever to get registered to participate in KidBiz!

Just scan the QR code or click the link below and complete the form. It's 100% digital and so easy!



Click Here To Register

https://form.jotform.com/Eric_Fiebelkorn/kidbiz-application

2023 SSS Swim Team



Did you know....

- ★ Swim season is right around the corner!
- ★ SSS is already putting together a team for Fall 2023 ~ we start the first week of school
- ★ Swimmers in grades K-8 practice and compete together!
- ★ For more info and to register: <https://forms.gle/aSZgEu5qUxdXZGw58>
- ★ If you have any questions regarding swim team, please contact Chrissy Cwiklinski (716)310-0694 or cfcwik@gmail.com

Not sure if you are ready to join?

- ★ Fill out the form and try the first week for free!
- ★ Grand Island Rec Department is offering summer group lessons https://grandislandny.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=29971
- ★ Find affordable private lessons

We hope to see you on deck....



**Be part of a K-8 TEAM that emphasizes
Sportsmanship, Team Building & FUN!!!**



**Assemblyman Angelo Morinello is proud to sponsor
the NYS Assembly's 2023 Summer Reading Challenge.**

It is our goal through this program to foster good reading habits in students and to encourage the engagement of families in reading-related activities during the summer months. This year's theme is "All Together Now," celebrating kindness and friendship.

Students in grades K-7 during the 2022-2023 school year who pledge to read for 15 minutes for 40 days during the months of July & August and then submit a completion form by September 8, 2023 will be eligible to receive a NYS Assembly Excellence in Reading Certificate from Assemblyman Angelo Morinello.

**Registration is now live. Please use the registration form link
<https://forms.gle/SSePtfC6tSAFkCf19>**



MAY 2023

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. ORTIZ

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

Just a reminder that we are offering a variety of summer classes this year and many are already full. If you are interested, please sign up soon to ensure your spot.

We are happy to announce that we received a notification from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools that they have reviewed and accepted our Mid-Term Report, completed in February. The report "shows evidence of faithful implementation of the strategic plan for growth and improvement". At this time, we are accredited until July 1, 2027.

On June 1st I will email school families a link to a survey put together by our Advisory Board. Please take the time to participate in this survey.

As we work together to make SSS the best in academics and to offer a variety of sports and clubs it is important that we have feedback from our families.

We have a very busy schedule packed with lots of fun activities planned for the end of the school year. Please take a look at our school calendar for some very important dates!

Mrs. Lynn Ortiz

Church and School Connection

We are pleased to welcome

Father Michael Parker

as our new Pastor.

We also send a warm welcome to

Father Martin Gallagher and Father Peter Ekanem

as our Parochial Vicars.

Father Ray has been assigned to family #22 in Buffalo.

Please keep Father Ray in your prayers
as he transitions to his new assignment.



Spring Concert

Our Spring Concert will be held on June 15.



God Bless all of our 3rd graders who made their First Communion on Sunday, May 1st



Field Day
Thursday, June 22, 2023
 More information coming soon!

A Night of fun and fellowship and *All that Jazz*
 St. Stephen's Church
 June 16, 2023
 7:00-9:00 pm ish













Beer, wine, hors d'Oeuvres and entertainment
 Tickets: \$20
 May be purchased at the school office, parish rectory or after weekend Masses



June



2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12  School Liturgy 2:00 pm	Dads & Donuts Grs. 3-8 8:15 am 	14  Flag Day Prayer Service	15 Spring Concert 	Dads & Dogs Grs. PK 4-2 1:30 pm  Catholic Charities Dress Down Day	17
18  Happy Father's Day	19  JUNETEENTH NO SCHOOL	20 Kindergarten Graduation 1:00 pm  PK 4 Moving Up Day 10:00 am	21 NO SCHOOL  Teacher Record Day 8th Gr. Graduation	22 Report Cards  LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Field Day 	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

FRIENDZY™

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UNIT EIGHT >>> FRIENDSHIP IS A GIFT

Dear Families,

THE HOME STRETCH /// We are close to crossing the finish line with our eighth and last unit of the Friendzy program! We pray your journey through Friendzy this year has been transformational, and you see evidence in your child's friendships. This month's unit teaches the students that **"Friendship Is A Gift."**

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IS A
GIFT

🕒 KEY VERSES

**"A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU:
LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE
LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE
ONE ANOTHER."**

JOHN 13:34

**"HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT IT IS
WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE
TOGETHER IN UNITY!"**

PSALM 133:1

◆ GOAL

**TO LEARN THE VALUE OF
COLLABORATING WITH OTHERS.**

Continue the Conversation (discuss the following points at home):

1. **Friendship is a gift.** When we work together with others towards a common goal, it makes a difference. It allows for a bad day to come and go without it being the end of the world. When we are weak, someone else can be strong on our own behalf. We need friends and they need us!
2. **We can cooperate instead of compete.** Jesus is our common bond that unites us together. Because of Him, we can work cooperatively with each other instead of competing against each other. When we choose to be humble and work together with others, it benefits us all, and most importantly, it gives God glory for the good work done through His people.
3. **We accomplish more when we work together.** We are not all given the same talents or have invested the same amount of time developing specific skills. We need each other to complete a task, mission, or dream. When we cooperate with others, we can create something that is greater than what any one person could create on their own.

TRY THIS /// Take a moment and think back to some of the fondest memories you have of growing up. Many of them may be memories with one close friend or a small group of friends with whom you shared great experiences. These experiences are formative and



build a strong foundation for building healthy and lasting friendships for years to come. That is why we are taking the time to emphasize that friendship is a gift. Share some of your fondest memories of friendship with your student. When kids learn friendship, they learn it for life!

Over the next few weeks, we hope your student will begin to use this unit's Catchphrase: **"Friendship is a Gift."** The Catchphrase is the main point we want students to remember and use over and over.

TELL ME MORE /// Can you share a highlight from this year? Something that you or your student learned or was helpful? Your responses are greatly appreciated!!

Blessings,
Ms. Julie Misstriner
Program coordinator
Mrs. Lynn Ortiz
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