



**St. Martin of Tours Academy**  
**Kindergarten Newsletter**  
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*Dear Parents,*

*Can you believe that summer is right around the corner? Here are some ideas that will help to reinforce the concepts we have worked with in kindergarten.*

*To maintain and improve your child's reading skills please read to him or her on a regular basis. Choose a time of day when you are able to sit down with your child and share a book. Make special trips to the library. Show your child that you like to read: let him or her see you read for enjoyment as well as for information. One fun activity is to have your child pick out all of the words on each page that he/she recognizes.*

*Please have your child continue to practice his/her writing skills. Keep a tablet at home that your child can use to write letters, numbers, name, address, and phone number. Encourage story writing. Reading and writing go hand in hand - children can read whatever they can write. Let them use creative spelling and illustrate their own stories.*

*Math skills can be practiced at home also. Encourage your child to group and count items. Point out patterns that you notice, or make up patterns. Let your child identify and count money: we have introduced coins and dollar bills in class. Discuss time and let your child tell you what time is shown - on both digital and analog clocks. They learned the hour and half hour.*

*Another good thing is to have your child master tying his or her shoes and dressing themselves. In our busy lives I know it's hard not to just want to do it yourself, but it's important they know how to do these skills. It also helps foster independence.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and cooperation throughout this school year. Education is a team effort and parents are vital members of the team. Thank you for entrusting your children to my care, for letting me get to know them and love them. I truly appreciate the faith and confidence that you have shown in our school and me.*

*I need to especially say, "BRAVO!" to our awesome room mothers, Theresa Morrison and Erin Bushey. They have been so helpful with everything, from getting supplies for us to making classroom events successful.*

*Have a wonderful summer! I look forward to seeing all of you again in the fall.*

*Miss Fonte*