

Lower Campus

631 North Main Street
Brockton, MA 02301



Parents' Corner

**No School: Mon. May 31st
Memorial Day.**

**11:50 Dismissal: May 27th
Staff Retreat.**

**Third Trimester Progress
notices will be distrib-
uted on May 7th.**

**The PTO Officer elections
will take place shortly.**

**You must be pres-
ent in order to vote.
(more info. to follow)**

**Our last PTO Meeting
of the year will take
place on Monday, June
7th. Please join us!!**

**Ascension Thursday: Mass
will be held at Saint
Edith Stein Parish at
9AM. Please join us!!**

**Dance/Music Recital: Tues.
May 18th @IPM in the
School gym.**

**Move-Up-Day: Grade 3
Thurs. May 20th.**

**Grade 2 Field Trip: Wed.
May 12th.(Aquarium)**

**WHDH CH 7 Weather-
man, Jeremy Reiner
will visit TCA on
Thurs. May 6th (more
info. to follow).**

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Message From The Principal

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the school year, it is time to make plans for Summer experiences which will reinforce what your child has already learned and stimulate his/her interest in gaining skills and understanding concepts in various fields. Perhaps you remember from your own childhood, a rhyming chant that heralded the beginning of summer vacation—"No more classes, no more books..." I strongly suggest that the daily newspaper can be a remarkably effective "textbook in disguise" to help students retain and expand the knowledge and skills they have acquired during this past school year.

Many activities at home or on trips offer opportunities to build math skills for both younger or older students. Grocery shopping involves comparing prices, adding costs of various items, checking the amount of change due on a purchase, estimating sales tax on items, and getting information from labels. Many table games require scoring activities, as do many active team games. Students who are interested in any professional sport can check newspapers for scores. Recipes promote accurate reading and following directions. The weather forecast can interest students in keeping their own records of temperature and reinforce or encourage them to learn more about the science of Meteorology.

A child who receives an allowance applies math concepts in making saving and spending decisions. Interest on savings, prices of shares of stock, and budgeting to plan for a yard sale at your home will provide hands-on experience with money. Vacation trips can add to a student's knowledge about car expenses, gas consumption and mileage, or costs of public transportation. Stay-at-homes can calculate expenses for imaginary trips and gain increased knowledge of geography as they plan.

Computers and e-mail have made reading and writing even more essential in our lives. The information highway that we have come to cherish is paved with words that need to be read and understood, and people who truly like to read are the ones who will cruise it with skill. A genuine love of reading can still come from exciting books shared with family or friends. Make the public library a "home-away-from-home" for your children. The wealth of good books and fascinating information available will certainly enrich their lives. Children who read—succeed!

Summer experiences can stimulate interest in many areas of science. Outdoor activities will motivate biologists and geologists, forestry experts, and zoo keepers, as well as farmers, fishermen, and the representatives who will some day be in Congress, passing laws that effect our environment. Kitchen science can lead students to a greater understanding of how substances react with one another.

Museums meet the interests of future scientists, artists and musicians who love the beauty of sights and sounds, and the people who love history and want to learn about the past. Anyone interested in almost any subject can probably find a museum geared to that subject. Introduce your child to museums in your area and find out what appeals to him or her.

News stories often provide good examples of organizational skills in writing. Students learn the importance of "who, what, where, when, and why" in clear reporting of an event. The sports pages, classified ads, and area news all offer information which can be used in family learning activities. Try a newspaper scavenger hunt, listing ten questions with answers to be found in the newspaper. Or, let the children take turns challenging the family at dinner with questions about people or events in the news. Newspapers play a vital role in our democratic society. It is not too early to help your child develop the habit of reading them. Above all, don't let the close of school close your child's mind. The wonderful world in which we all live needs people with wisdom and understanding to use it well.

God Bless...

Mrs. Lab

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR TCA
ACTIVITIES-INFORMATION-
EVENTS

www.tcabrockton.org

EXTRA! EXTRA

GROUP PICTURES WED.

MAY 5TH (must be in formal school uniform)

PTO MEETINGS

The Trinity Catholic Academy PTO meetings will be held in the CCD Office on the first Monday of each month. Please enter through the lower level at the Montello Street entrance in the rear of the building. Meetings begin promptly at 7PM. All are welcome to attend.

TEACHER WORKSHOPS

Teachers will be attending NEASC Accreditation Meetings weekly. This is in addition to the academic Professional Development and faculty meetings held monthly throughout the year. Please be prompt in picking up your child so that these meetings can begin on time. Thank you.