

# PRIME TIMES



Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Immaculata, Pennsylvania 19345

August, 2018



## **A Litany of the Way**

### **Prayer for the Journey of a New School Year**

*Published by the USCCB*

As Jesus sought the quiet of the desert... *Teach us to pray.*

As Jesus washed the feet of His disciples... *Teach us to love.*

As Jesus promised Paradise to the thief on the cross... *Teach us to hope.*

As Jesus called Peter to walk to Him across the water... *Teach us to believe.*

As the child Jesus sat among the elders in the temple... *Teach us to seek answers.*

As Jesus in the garden opened His mind and heart to God's will... *Teach us to listen.*

As Jesus reflected on the Law and the Prophets... *Teach us to learn.*

As Jesus used parables to reveal the mysteries of the Kingdom... *Teach us to teach.*

## **Flexible Free STEM Websites for Students**



- <http://pbskids.org/zoom/activities/sci/>
- <https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.htm>  
l#.VIWzXzHF-So
- <https://code.org/student/elementary>
- <http://www.kineticcity.com/>



## **SEASONS OF THE YEAR**

Tune: Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush

### **Chorus**

Here we go round the year again,  
The year again, the year again.  
Here we go round the year again.  
To greet the different seasons.

Fall is here, the air is cool.  
Days are short, it's back to school.  
Raking leaves is now the rule  
Because it is autumn.

### **Chorus**

Wintertime is time for snow.  
To the south. The birds will go.  
It's too cold for plants to grow.  
Because it is the winter.

### **Chorus**

In the springtime, days grow warm.  
On the plants, the new buds form.  
Bees and bugs come out  
To swarm  
Because it is the spring.

### **Chorus**

In the summertime, the days are hot.  
Ice cold drinks I drink a lot!  
At the beach I've got a spot  
Because it is the summer.

### **Chorus**

## **GETTING ALONG AT SCHOOL**

I like you.  
You like me.  
We treat each other  
Respectfully.  
Helping and sharing,  
Being kind, too.  
Getting along  
Is the thing to do.  
We can learn a lot.  
Each and every day.  
When we are respectful  
When we work and play.  
By: Arlene Sandberg

### **WE HAVE RULES**

We have rules.  
We have rules.  
Rules to keep us  
safe in school.  
Inside voices, walking feet.  
Don't touch or bother  
The friends we meet.  
Follow directions, listen too.  
Rules will make you cool in school.



### **OUR CLASSROOM PLEDGE**

I pledge today to do my best  
In reading, Math, and all the rest.  
I promise to obey the rules,  
In class and every place in school.  
I'll respect myself and others, too,  
I'll expect the best in all I do.  
I am here to learn and I know I can,  
To try my best and be all I am.

### **TABLE SCRAP BINS**

You can find colorful bins at the dollar store that can be used in the center of the tables for paper scraps. This avoids scraps on the floor or multiple trips to the trash can. Choose a different color for each table. Label them "Scrap Bins". The team captain of the week can empty the bin when it gets full – no food or snack trash in the bin.

### **BOOKS FOR ENCOURAGING GOOD BEHAVIOR**

### **Sally Sore Loser**

By: Rana DiOrio

This book gives numerous ideas on ways to be kind.

Sally loves to be first at everything! With the help of her teacher and mom, she learns the rules for being a good winner and a good loser. She learns to say to herself, "I've won if I had fun." The book focuses specifically on the value of kindness in word and deeds. Check Google Book Review for more information.

### **My Mouth is a Volcano**

By: Julia Cook

This book is perfect for primary students who are struggling with waiting their turn to speak. Louis learns the meaning of interrupting when he is telling a story and someone interrupts him. He then realizes his interruptions are rude and insensitive. Check the internet for free activities that can help support the book theme.

### **HEAVENLY FRIENDS**

Attach a Saint to each student's desk as you would a name tag. The teacher can give a brief overview of each Saint during the first weeks of school and send home an information sheet on the Saint to be shared for homework. Rotate the Saints monthly and repeat the process in order for the students to learn about different heavenly friends throughout the year. The Saints can also be used to call lines/groups, or pairing of students.



### **PRAYER CORNER:HOME-SCHOOL CONNECTION**

Having a prayer corner in the classroom is just as, if not more, essential as the technology center, listening center, and/or other components that make up the day. Once you have introduced your students to the prayer corner in your classroom, a great beginning of the year activity is for the students to create their own "prayer corners" for home. Have students bring in a shoe box to decorate with religious pictures, stickers, etc. ... After the students have taken their projects home and set them up have them take a picture of their "prayer corner" at home and send it in. These pictures can be added to the class prayer corner. Having a special spot at school and at home helps the students to learn to center their lives in faith and focus on moments of prayer throughout the whole day (and weekends too!)



### I AM SPECIAL

I am special  
 (point to self)  
 Because God made me  
 (point to Heaven and then to self)  
 I am not like the bunny  
 (form ears on the top of head)  
 Or the apple tree  
 (arms circle head and sway)  
 I can love and think  
 (hands on heart and then point to head)  
 I can talk and say  
 (point to mouth)  
 "I love EVERYBODY!"  
 (arms spread wide)  
 God made me that way!  
 (point to self)



### MY GUARDIAN ANGEL

I have a little angel  
 Who walks with me each day  
 And keeps me safe from danger when  
 I go outside to play.

My angel never leaves me  
 Is always at my side  
 When I don't know just what to do  
 My angel is my guide.

My angel watches over me  
 I'm never out of sight  
 Guards me and protects me  
 Every day and every night.

### COLOR SONG

Tune: Jingle Bells

ORANGE is a carrot,  
 YELLOW is a pear,  
 GREEN is the grass,  
 And BROWN is a bear,  
 PURPLE is a plum,  
 BLUE is the sky,  
 BLACK is a witch's hat,  
 And RED a cherry pie.

#### **Chorus**

Oh, orange, yellow, green and brown, purple,  
 blue, black, red, these are colors that we see all  
 throughout the day.  
 Orange, yellow, green and brown, purple, blue,  
 black, red, thank you for these colors Lord,  
 they brighten up our way.



## **OCTOBER SONG**

Tune: On Top of Old Smoky

The month is October,  
The air's turning cold.  
The leaves are all changing  
To red and to gold.

The month is October,  
And up in the sky,  
The birds are all traveling  
And south they will fly.

The month is October,  
There's so much to do!  
Play football and hockey,  
And pick apples, too.



The month is October,  
And ghosts I have seen.  
They're out trick-or-treating,  
It's now Halloween!

## **THE SQUIRREL**

Whisky, frisky, hippity hop,  
Up he goes to the treetop!

Whirly, twirly, round and  
round,  
Down he scampers to the  
ground



Furly, curly, what a tail!  
Tall as a feather, broad as a sail!

Where's his supper? In the shell.  
Snappity, crackity, out it fell.

## **MORNING OFFERING**

Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

I will show my love in all  
Things I do both great and small,  
All I think and do and say,  
When I work and when I play.  
I will show my love in all  
Things I do both great and small.

## **COLUMBUS DAY SONG**

Tune: The Farmer and the Dell

In 1492,  
In 1492,  
Columbus sailed across the sea,  
In 1492.

For 70 days he sailed,  
For 70 days he sailed,  
Columbus sailed across the sea,  
For 70 days he sailed.

He came to a new land,  
He came to a new land,  
Columbus sailed across the sea,  
And came to a new land.

Exploring he did go,  
Exploring he did go,  
Columbus sailed across the sea,  
Exploring he did go.

He sailed back home to Spain,  
He sailed back home to Spain,  
Columbus sailed across the sea,  
He sailed back home to Spain.



## **ROOM REPORTER**

A classroom job for two to three students can be that of Room Reporter. It will be their job, at the end of the day, to write a few sentences about the day and illustrate the weather. This would be done using a newspaper template. Every Friday afternoon the Room Reporters would share their report of the week with the class. Students could also use an inexpensive digital camera or iPad to take a picture each day which would enhance the Friday class reporting.



### I'M A LITTLE SCARECROW

Tune: I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a little scarecrow,  
Raggedy and worn.  
I wear a crazy hat  
And a shirt that is torn.  
When the crows come round me  
I wave and I shout,  
"Away from my garden  
Get on out!"



### BIPPITY, BOPPITY BREW

Bippity, boppity brew  
Let's make an alphabet stew.  
Choose a letter from the pot  
And make the sound that you got.  
Stir the pot once again,  
Then pass it on to the next friend.



### THE PILGRIMS

The Pilgrims took a trip  
Across the big blue sea.  
Riding on the Mayflower  
America they did see.  
The winter was very cold.  
Then spring time warmed them up.  
They listened as Squanto told  
How to plant corn, to fish, and hunt.  
And when the crops were gathered  
A Thanksgiving party did begin  
With Pilgrims and Indians  
Giving thanks for all good things.

### TURKEY CHIME

Gobble, gobble line up straight  
Nice and perky, then just wait  
Gobble, gobble close your beak  
For in the halls, we do not speak!

### PAINTER'S STICKS

Materials: painter's stick, a pair of dice, 2  
different color chips – 11 of each color

Using painter's sticks you can create an addition  
activity for 2 students. Divide the stick into one  
inch or one and a half inch spaces.  
Number the spaces starting with  
the number 2 ending with 12.



The students line their chips so that one chip is  
under each number. Each takes a turn rolling  
one dice. The student that rolls the largest  
number begins the game.

The first student rolls the  
dice and adds the two  
numbers and gives the sum.



(Ex.  $3+4=7$ ) That student then removes from his  
partner's side the chip underneath 7. If the  
student rolls a number that has already been  
removed, the student simply loses his/her turn.  
It is the next player's turn. The object of the  
game is to remove all the chips from the other  
player.

♥ a TEACHERS [prayer]  
LORD, please help me to ♥  
STRENGTHEN THEIR VOICES,  
bodies and minds...  
to EXPRESS their FEELINGS  
& CONTROL them [SOMETIMES].  
to EXPLORE what is  
NEAR & VENTURE [afar] ♥  
but MOST IMPORTANT to  
LOVE who they ARE. [author UNKNOWN]

