Our Lady Queen of Peace School
418 Holly Avenue
Madison, WI 53711

                                                                                                                                                                September 8, 2017
Dear Parents,

Friends, friends, and more friends! This is the theme that our class has been working on for the past 2 weeks of school. Your children have been working very hard at getting to know all the names of their new friends at QP. And, they are doing very well! Thank you for sending us such secure, happy, and friendly children! We can see that you have been busy for the last 5-6 years ensuring that these special gifts from God are off to a great start!

Some of our activities over the past week have included:

* Learning daily routines- which cubby is theirs, where their circle spot is, which table they sit at, what and where the centers are in our rooms, where the bathroom is and how we wash our hands at school, how we begin our day- with the “Good Morning” song, and end our day with the “Good-bye” song, how we take lunch count and who stays for After School, and on and on…

* Learning about Jesus as our special friend and drawing a picture of ourselves with Jesus

* We have been learning about sunflowers in science. We have had fun using magnifying glasses to examine the seeds, petals, stems, and insects that we found using the sunflower heads as a home. Children used their fine motor skills to pull the seeds out of the sunflower head, sorting them into trays.  We will be reading the story, Sunflower House, by Eve Bunting, and making our own sunflowers out of paper plates, yellow paper, glue, and sunflower seeds.

* Reading many stories about friends:  Will I Have a Friend?, Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten, and Jesus is My Friend.

* Exploring using our “Math Tubs”- pattern blocks, unifix cubes, wooden cubes, tiles, etc.
* We have practiced our fire drill, tornado drill, and a lockdown. We are very confident about what we will do in case of an emergency. \*My example for the lockdown was that after recess, a dog ran into the building and some kids are allergic to dogs so we had a lockdown.
* And so much more…

We have heard from many families that their child is coming home from school and having meltdowns. We want you to know this is perfectly normal during the beginning of the school year. The kids are adjusting to being at school and are coming home emotional, tired and sensitive from their long active day at school. Just so you know they are behaving well during the school day.

Your child may also be talking about their “specials” during the school day. These classes are taught by other staff members. Here is our schedule:

Mondays ~ Music & Computers

Tuesdays ~ Spanish

Wednesdays ~ Reading Lab & Music

Thursdays ~ Reading Lab

Fridays ~ Tech Class & Gym

**Upcoming Themes:**

During the week of September 11th, our theme will we will be “5 Senses.”

During the week of September 18th our theme will be “Apples”.  **Please send in 1 green, 1 red and 1 yellow apple with your child on Monday, Sept. 18, (no sooner, please)** for some fun activities.

During the week of September 25th our theme will be “Bears”. **Please have your child bring a teddy bear (or other stuffed animal) to school with them on Thursday, September 28th for our Teddy Bear Sleepover**

                                             **\*\*\*\*Important Dates\*\*\*\***

**September 1 Picture Day / Half Day
September 4 No School**

**September 13 Book Orders Due
September 14 All School Mass
September 16 Parish Festival**
**September 18  Send in 1 green, 1 red, and 1 yellow apple, please**
**September 14 All School Mass @ 8:30**
**September 28 Teddy Bear Sleepover (Bring a Teddy Bear to school)**

Once again, thank you for sharing your children with us. We are really enjoying them!

Sincerely,

Mary Curtin      Carol Albertini

**P.S.  Parents, please don’t forget to pack up an individual snack for your child to have in the afternoon. Also, please let them know where it is in their backpack. They are upset when they think that they do not have a snack. Thank you for sending in water bottles for snack time. We are using less paper cups!**