**Dear Parent,**

Below is a description of the All Saints Day Project for our class.

Please take some time to work with your child on this, allowing him/her to do the work with the help of your guiding hand.

We will be having formal “presentations” of the projects on <Dates>

The children may bring in their project in the week of <Date>

**Saint Artifact Box Project**

***1. Choose and research the life of a Saint:***It would be GREAT to get a children’s book on the saint your child has chosen, but I realize this is not always possible. Please assist your child in finding information from the internet and other resources. If I see your child has a saint book that I know is available at school, I will send this home.

***2. Decorate a Box:***I’ve asked the children to imagine that they are an archaeologist, and dig up a box of artifacts from their saint’s life.

***3. Six Objects that Symbolize your Saint:***In the box (decorated in a way that depicts their saint), place at least six objects/symbols that some-how represent the life of their saint. The objects could represent events, places, people or objects in the saint’s life. These will pro-vide a “talking prompt” in explaining the life of their saint to the class.

***4.******Evidence Sheet:*** Fill out the “evidence sheet”, listing each of the six objects and a description of what they represent in the life of their saint. These, together with the symbolic objects, should be placed in the box.

*When the completed box is brought in (decorated on the outside and the six objects/symbols representing that saint’s life on the inside), the evidence sheet will be added to the inside.*

**EXAMPLE: St. Francis of Assisi**

Below is an example of symbols that might be included in a project on the life of Saint Francis of Assisi:

**Objects and Descriptions:**

**1. Picture of Italy:** He was from Assisi, Italy

**2. Coin:** He came from a rich family; his father was a wealthy cloth merchant

**3. Sword:** Saint Francis always wanted to be a solider growing up... instead he eventually became a “soldier for Christ”

**4. Crucifix:** Saint Francis had great devotion to Jesus Crucified. As a gift, Our Lord gave Him a deep sharing in His own sufferings through the stigmata he bore (wounds of Christ)

**5. Piece of a Brown Burlap Sack:** Represents the poor Jesus that he so desired to imitate. Today, his followers in his order continue to wear a brown tunic with the rope belt and three knots rep-resenting the three vows: poverty, chastity and obedience

**6. Picture of a Tabernacle:** This represents his GREAT LOVE for our Eucharistic Lord. His love is shown in the prayer he wrote called “Absorbeat”

**7. Nativity Scene Picture:** It is believed that Saint Francis re--enacted the first living nativity scene, in honor of the poor Jesus born in a cave at Bethlehem.