

Kindergarten News

We had a very busy and fun Spirit week. The children enjoyed the special out-of-uniform days as well as seeing the school decorated in the school colors.

In Religion, we learned that God made the animals. We also learned that God has put us in charge of taking care of the animals. We discussed different ways that we can take care of both pets and wild animals as well. We learned about Saint Francis. Today the children also attended the adoration after mass.

This week we worked on the letter 's'. The children came up with over 50 words that start with 's' in their Word Books and in the classroom. We also talked about the difference between 's' and 'sh' sounds. We created our own silly socks that are now hanging in the classroom.

The children did a very nice job on their Word Books Tuesday night. Thank you for all of your help. I hope it was (and will continue to be) an enjoyable experience for both of you. Please make sure to return the books the next day.

We have begun our book of colors. The children have been working hard writing and illustrating each page. They will have another great book to share with you in a few weeks.

Next week we are going to begin working with "Sight Words". These are words that appear frequently in reading that the children will need to start to recognize to become fluent readers. We will be playing games with the words, writing them, and searching for them in many of the papers and books we read. I ask that you take the time each week to help your child put the words on flashcards that you can review throughout the year. If you have questions about this or the words, please contact me.

In Math, we are continuing to work with patterns. The children are working hard on deciding what comes next, identifying the pattern rule, and the different types of patterns. We will be taking a Math test next week on shapes and patterns. Please take a moment this weekend to review some of the vocabulary that came home with the start of the chapter. If you lost the page, it is available online. The link is on my Web page. The link also includes activities and games the children can do for further practice.

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On Thursday, Lake County came and performed a hearing screening on all of the Kindergarten children. If there were any concerns a note was sent home. The children were extremely well behaved during the screening process and I was very proud of them.

You should have received a letter and recording sheet for Book-It in the Thursday envelope. This is a program that rewards children for reading. I hope that you and your child choose to participate and find it an enjoyable and rewarding experience. The more you read to your child the more they will learn and want to learn to read.

Several children complained about being cold at recess on Monday and Tuesday. Please make sure to send warm clothing for recess everyday. Please make sure that your children's clothes are labeled *especially sweatshirts*.

Please send in your 18 count cardboard egg cartons throughout the school year. I have a few educational games that I would like to make for each child. Thank you in advance.

Next Week:

Letter M, Colors

Sunday: On-line book orders due

Tuesday: Bring in something that begins with M

Wednesday: Word Book Due (letter M)