

## Kinder News



October 7, 2011

### Religion

October is the Month of the Rosary. We have introduced the rosary to the students. School wide rosary services will be held each Monday. Please refer to the Family Packet for Rosary Service times. You are more than welcome to attend these services. You may also send a rosary from home, but it is not necessary as the school does provide rosaries for every student. This would be a good time to practice the prayers of The Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, and the Hail Mary.

We also learned about how God loves us. We talked about many ways we show love each day.

### Reading

This week read a big book called I Want My Mom. We re-read this story to increase comprehension and focus on different aspects of the story. One day we looked for our new word wall word **MY**, another day we paid close attention to words and pictures that described emotions, and the third time we read it we were making connections to the story. Readers who make connections better understand the text because they are relating the story to prior experiences and become more engaged in the story. We practiced rhyming with the words JAKE and SNAKE, which was a character in the story. Again, we noticed that rhyming words sometimes share similar letters and only the beginning sounds change. ie:

**BAKE, JAKE, CAKE, MAKE, SNAKE, LAKE**

## **Math**

This week we worked on growing patterns (ABABBABBB) and positional patterns (UP DOWN LEFT UP DOWN LEFT). These two patterns are typically challenging for kindergartners. We practiced making these patterns using simple things like people and crayons. We encourage you to practice these with your child at home. We also tried out our new Mimio board technology to play patterning games. Mimio boards were new to our kindergarten classrooms a couple of years and they allow us to access the computer through a portable notepad. The material can easily be seen by the class through a projector. We love this new interactive technology in our classrooms!

You may also have noticed that your child has become interested in tying their shoes. We are encouraging them to practice at home and school and hope that by the end of the year all kindergarten students are able to tie their own shoe. When they are able to show us this skill they will earn a *Shoe Tying Superstar* certificate. Have fun practicing with your child!

## **Science**

This week we finished our apple unit. We read stories, completed activities to review the life cycle of the apple tree, and learned the different stages of the apple tree during the four seasons. Next week we begin learning about fall changes.

### **Dates to Remember:**

**Oct. 10- SCRIP Promotion Week**

**Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> –Missions Jeans Day**

**Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>- Jeans Day for SCRIP**

**Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>- NO SCHOOL for professional development**

**Week of Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>- Red Ribbon Week (more information to come)**

Thank you!

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