

November 4, 2011



Religion

This week we talked about being like *God*. We looked at some people who had followed *God* and have chosen to live their lives like *God*. They found out that we can look to saints to pray for us and to help us live like *God*. Each child chose a particular saint to pray for them and we made banners that will be placed on our bulletins boards.

On Thursday, Father Bob visited each Kindergarten class. We prayed together and talked about when we pray we are praying to *God* the Father, *Jesus* the Son, or the Holy Spirit. He also taught us about Saints in heaven and how we can ask them to pray for us too!

Literacy

Much of our literacy time this week was focused on assessments to finish up our first trimester of kindergarten. We have been assessing...

-Beginning sounds

- We look for students to provide quick and accurate beginning sounds to pictures as well as match them to pictures that begin the same way

-Capital/lowercase letters

- Letter Sounds

- Rhyming words

- Can they identify rhymes?

- Can they produce rhyming pairs?
- Syllables**
- Blending sounds**
 - "/c/a/t/, what word is that?"
- Segmenting words**
 - “What sounds do you hear in the word cat?” “/C/A/T/”
- Word Wall Words**
- **Writing consonant/vowel/consonant words**
 - i.e. BAT, MUG, MOP
 - We are looking for correct beginning and ending sounds
- Letter writing**
- Story writing**

We look forward to sharing this information with you at conferences!

Math

We practiced skip counting by 5's. We used our number line and songs from our math CD. F.Y.I. By the end of the year we will assess the students to see who can skip count by fives and tens to 100 and skip count by 2's to 30. We have continued to learn the correct formation for numbers using our handwriting books. Though reversal can be expected at this age as they are just becoming familiar with writing, numbers, and directionality; simply point it out and model the correct formation for your child.



Spiders, Spiders, Spiders



We began our unit on spiders this week. We have been working hard and learning a lot. We learned that spiders have eight legs, two fangs, two body parts, a spinneret, and can have up to eight eyes. We began to make spider books too! We hope you heard about speaker, Louis Major, from Polk County Conversation. Louis came on Tuesday, shared lots of information with us, and taught us that spiders are helpful to our environment.

Looking Ahead...

Nov. 9- 1pm Dismissal

**Nov. 11- Mission Jeans day and end of
trimester**

Nov. 15- Spiritwear

Nov. 18- Progress Reports sent home