



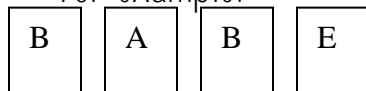
Religion

This week we talked about Jesus as our teacher. We discovered that we have many teachers in our lives. Some are at school, some are parents, and some are coaches or siblings. We learned that sometimes we are even teachers. Jesus is our teacher that helps direct us and guide us in our lives. We found that through the Bible, we have learned many things from Jesus.

Reading

This week in reading we've been working hard at listening for beginning and ending sounds in words. We also sorted two sound and three sound words. We have the kids stretch the words like a rubber band to determine how many sounds they hear. For example, in the word boat we hear three sounds b-o-t. In the word pie we hear two sounds p-i. The students did a follow up page to this shared reading activity it came home earlier this week. We will continue to reinforce beginning sounds but will also focus on middle and ending sounds. In our writing we continue to work on "best guess spelling." As a reminder, "best guess" spelling is when the students write the sounds they hear in a word. Help your child stretch out words so they hear every sound in the word. Sound boxes are a good strategy to use when needed. Draw a box for every sound in the word and have your child write the sounds they hear.

For example:



Although this word is actually spelled baby, the sounds that you hear are b/a/b/e.

Math

We started the Money Unit in Math. We have introduced the penny and nickel.

Money is a difficult concept for many kindergarteners. It is easy to reinforce this skill at home using real coins and various amounts of money. See if your child can name the penny, nickel and dime and tell you how much each coin is worth. Also, don't forget to reinforce counting on. For example: 18 (one dime and 8 pennies-your child should count 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18). Extra practice with counting by fives will also greatly benefit your child as well. We will continue to work with money next week as well.

Science

We have continued our learning about animals. This week we reviewed the animal families (reptiles, birds, insects, fish and mammals). We acted out different animals and tried guessing which family the animal belonged to.

We also played a game with animal riddles. Here is one for you: I am a mammal, but I lay eggs and have a bill. What am I? The answer next week!

Outdoor Recess

As long as the weather stays warm enough we will be going outside for recess. Children must have boots and snow pants to play in the snow.

Thank you!

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