

Kinder News

January 29, 2010

Religion

In Religion this week, we talked about Jesus as our leader and how our school is special because we can talk about Jesus. Next week is Catholic School's Week and we have many activities planned to celebrate. Please refer to the handout that was emailed home for the Catholic School's Week activities. There is an Open House this Sunday, January 31, 12:15-2:15.

***We are looking for parent volunteers on Thursday. We would love to have a parent come speak to our classes about why they made the choice for Catholic education. This could include pictures from your Catholic education, a short story, etc. Please email your child's teacher if this is something you'd be interested in participating in! This is a special opportunity for you to help the children how special it is that they are in a school that speaking about Jesus is encouraged.

Reading

We are still listening for ending sounds as well as beginning sounds. We practiced sorting objects by ending sounds this week at the ABC center. We also dove into beginning, middle and ending sounds. Through particular activities, we select a sound and identified whether the sound was in the beginning middle or end. For example, we hear the /b/ sound at the beginning of bat, the middle of robot, and the end of tub. Try selecting a sound for your child to listen for and ask them to locate them within a word. Middle sounds are the most difficult at this point, but we look forward to progressing quickly!

Math

This week continued our unit on money. We reviewed the coins penny, nickel and introduced dimes. We have learned how much each coin is worth. **The goal in kindergarten is to be able to name the coin and the value of the coin.** However, we also introduce the kindergarten to counting coins. This week's homework hopefully encouraged your child to start counting money. Counting coins is a difficult concept for many kindergarteners, but it is something we wanted to introduce them to. Please continue to review the coins and counting various amounts of money (penny, nickel and pennies, dime and pennies). Remind the students that you count the coin worth the most first.

Science

We learned about how animals grow and move this week. Just like us, they start as babies and slowly grow into adults. Animals can move by leaping, flying, running, or swimming. We came up with great examples! The kindergartners choose their favorite animals and we will soon make a graph in the hallway). We can't wait for you to see their beautiful work (you will get to see them at conferences)! As we wrap up this unit we will take a look at how animals feel and eat. We hope your children are sharing lots of information with you at home.

100th Day of school

We will celebrate our 100th day of school very soon! As of today it is day 94, so we will be celebrating it sometime during the week of Feb. 8th! The kindergarteners will participate in many 100th Day activities. Have your child start thinking of what is in your house that they can count to 100 (Q-Tips, crayons, pennies, legos, etc). We will be asking them to bring 100 pieces of something from home on 100's Day to display in the classroom so the students can see what 100 looks like in all shapes and sizes!

8th Grade Visits Kindergarten

We had the opportunity to listen to 8th graders read picture books they made in their Language Arts class. Each kindergarten met with at least one 8th grader and saw how much hard work they put into this creative stories. Not only did it

give them some extra reading time, it also showed them some great ideas for their writing as well. What a great experience!

PBS DONATIONS

If you are able to donate prizes to the PBS (positive behavior supports) cart that would be appreciated. Kindergarten students get to use their tickets to purchase items off the cart 2 times a month. All donations can be sent to school with your child or to the school office.

Have a GREAT WEEKEND!

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Mrs. Howard