



# **Kinder News**

## **October 16, 2009**

### **Religion**

We began to discuss our Columbian Mission Project. We are learning about people around the world and finding out that we are all brothers and sisters. We learned that although half a world away we have many similarities. We have learned that as God's children, we are to reach out to others to share the good news and act as Jesus did. We have been singing songs, looking at instruments from other countries, and finding out more about different cultures. We will finish up our mission unit next week.

### **Reading**

We continue to work on beginning letter sounds, letter identification and various phonemic awareness skills. We will continue to work with Level One phonemic awareness skills (rhyming, and syllable counting); however, we will now begin introducing Level Two phonemic awareness skills as well. These skills include, syllable segmentation (say a word slowly by syllables such as pencil-pen-cil) and phoneme blending (The teacher says a word by individual speech sounds d-o-g the students says the word, dog). We also continue to practice forming letters in our Handwriting Without Tears workbooks. Please work on these letter formations at home! (Remember; make sure your child always starts his/her letters and numbers at the top!)

## Science

As October is Safety Month, we began talking about police officers and what they do. Next week we will have Officer Z come talk to us about her job and how to stay safe. We will also look forward to a visit from the fire department.

## Math

We had a busy week creating our shape monsters. The students had to follow directions very carefully to make their monster come out just right! Our monsters contain rectangles, circles, ovals, triangles, and trapezoids. We also enjoyed the story Go Away Big, Green Monster that we read prior to making our monsters. These will be on display next week when you come for conferences.

## Homework

Beginning the week after conferences we will send home a homework assignment every Tuesday. This homework assignment is to be completed and returned every Wednesday. If homework is returned on Wednesday, a sticker will be placed on a chart indicating that the homework assignment was completed and returned on time. If a child is sick, he/she will still be able to earn a sticker for a late assignment. Otherwise, if a student does not turn in homework on the assigned day they will not receive a sticker. Homework is a great opportunity to reinforce skills we are learning in school and a wonderful way in which to teach the children to take responsibility for his/her own work/actions! Watch for our first assignment in your child's folder the Tuesday after conferences!

## Cold Weather

Cold weather is here! Please remember to send your child to school with appropriate coats, hats, gloves etc. We will go out to recess unless the weather/wind chill is below zero. Now is a great time to work with your child on teaching him/her to zip, button, tie, etc. independently. Thank you for your help with

this! (Please remember to write names on all pieces of clothing.)

## **Halloween Party**

We will be having classroom Halloween parties on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The parties will take place during the last twenty minutes of the school day. Students should NOT wear their costumes to school nor do they need to bring any treats. The students will participate in a variety of activities during the party. Happy Halloween! Thanks to the Homeroom moms and other parent volunteers for helping plan and carry out the Halloween Party.

## **Red Ribbon Week**

### **“Real Heroes are Drug Free”**

The kids seem very excited for the activities next week here is the list:

Monday- Students will receive Red Ribbon buttons

Tuesday- Wear Red Day

**\*Please wear dress code pants and a red top**

Wednesday- Students will share about their favorite hero

## **Reminder**

Please send an extra pair of socks and pants with your child in a bag. We will keep these their locker to use whenever needed.

We look forward to meeting with you at conferences next week! Just a reminder that our related arts teachers are also available during your conference time, you may stop in and visit them.

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Mrs. Crandell  
Mrs. Howard

