

Kinder News

October 30, 2008



Religion

This week we learned about prayer. We recognized that God loves us and wants to be in communication with us, just as any friend would. We can pray anytime for anything. We practiced saying special intentions and learned how to quiet our bodies and minds to meet Jesus in our "heart room". You will see the religion chapter "You Pray" coming home. Within this chapter we reviewed the Sign of the Cross. This is something that will be assessed for our progress reports and extra practice at home would be beneficial!

Please keep the Gochenour Family in your prayers. One of our kindergartener's, Cale is in the hospital with encephalitis. We all know the power of prayer.

Reading

We have completed our pumpkin books and they will be coming home soon. We're sure your child has plenty to share about our fun activities. We also made our Ghost Book. This book was created to help students practice reading our word wall words and learn reading strategies. Some strategies your child may use with this story would be using the pictures for clues when they approach an unknown word, identifying familiar words, and looking at the beginning sounds to solve words. Next week we will be starting some Thanksgiving activities.

Math

This week we worked on interpreting graphs and learning how to correctly form the number three and four. During math for the next few months we will really focus on correct formation of numbers. Handwriting Without Tears uses some great language to help children remember the correct formation. Please assist your child if you see this is something they have difficulty with.

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 and two fangs. Next week we will begin to make spider books too! Ask your student about our special spider speaker that visited Thursday afternoon. He shared some great information and an eight-legged friend too! Would you like to donate a "pet" spider for our classroom? Please feel free to capture a spider and bring it to school for our discovery center (in a jar of course). We have many special spider activities planned for next week as well!

Fire Safety

We also had a visit from the West Des Moines Fire Department. They shared some fire safety tips with the students and we got to take a look at their fire truck! The students learned that in an emergency they are to call 911. Once they call 911, they need to provide the dispatcher with their emergency, name, address, and phone number. This was challenging for some students to recall. If your child does not already know that information, please help them learn that in case of an emergency situation.

Halloween Party

A **BIG** thanks to the homeroom parents for all of their hard work to prepare for our Halloween Party. We know the kids will enjoy this great event!

Recess Volunteers

Please check the recess volunteer schedule on the website under November and December. Thanks to everyone who is volunteering their time. The kids and teachers love having you outside with us!

Grocery Ads

Next week in our writing centers, students will be creating a grocery list. We'd love to have you send any grocery ad that you may have or find in Sunday's paper. We will need these by next Tuesday.
Thank you in advanced!

Things To Remember

- Tuesday, Nov. 3rd – Picture Retakes (**if** your student is getting retakes they **CAN** be out of dress code)
 - Wednesday, Nov. 4th – Spirit Wear
 - Wednesday, Nov. 11th – 1:30 Dismissal

Have a great weekend and don't forget to FALL BACK!

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