



Kinder News

November 13, 2009

Religion

We focused on the concept of Citizenship this week. Citizenship is cooperating with others, obeying the rules, helping to make our communities better, and caring for God's creations. We also learned the Golden Rule. We learned that it is important to follow rules at home, school, and the rules that God has set for us. Rules are made to keep us safe and happy. As a kindergarten expectation, students are to know the Great Commandment and the Golden Rule. We have been practicing both of those. Please ask your child to share these with you!

Reading

We read A Plump and Perky Turkey and used this book to introduce the students to VOICE and WORD CHOICE. These are two traits from our school wide 6 Traits of Writing program. In Kindergarten we emphasize details in our illustrations. In our training for the 6 Traits of Writing program we learned that children who give details in their drawings are more likely to become detailed writers.

Math

The students have been hard at work learning how to correctly form their numbers. So far we have covered 1-9. If you feel your child is still struggling with this, please practice them at home. We have also been busy with many assessments for progress reports, as Friday (today) is the end of our first trimester. The students have written their numbers, done one-on-one assessments, created patterns, and sequenced numbers 1-20. Some of this work will be displayed in their portfolio.

Social Studies

This week we read Thanksgiving Day by Gail Gibbons. We discussed Thanksgiving and how it was celebrated long ago vs. today. We are finding out about the Pilgrims' voyage to America and how the Native Americans helped them. The kindergartners learned about traditions and thought about what their families' traditions are. We completed a class book titled, We Are Thankful For.... Please watch for this book to come home.

Homework

As you already know we will send home homework every Tuesday. If you return the completed homework the next day your child will receive a sticker on our homework chart posted in the classroom. Please Note: We **want** the parents to assist their children as needed. The homework is not an assessment, it is intended to reinforce skills previously taught in the classroom. We appreciate your cooperation!

Special Visit

Our school had the pleasure of seeing Miss Iowa on Thursday at school. She came to talk to our whole school about determination and setting goals for ourselves. She played her violin for us. She talked about the importance of making healthy choices so we can be successful in our everyday lives.

Reminders from the Nutrition Office

If you want to join your child for lunch please make sure you call the office before 8:45 on the day you plan to visit. This will ensure they will have enough lunches for the students and visitors. You can choose to order a HOT Lunch or a Salad.

Looking Ahead...

November 19th - Mission Jeans Day

November 24th - Progress reports sent home

November 25th - 27th - No School: Thanksgiving Break

Have a great weekend!

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Mrs. Crandell
Mrs. Howard