

Kinder News



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Religion

This week we have looked at the creation story and took time to notice all that God has created. We found that God has created everything on our earth has entrusted us to care for it. We took time to give thanks to God for all that he has provided us with. Take some time with your child this weekend to give special attention to God's amazing creations! We are working on **The Sign of The Cross, the Our Father and Prayer for Peace**. Please reinforce these prayers at home. The months of October and May we will pray the **Hail Mary**.

Centers

We continue to work hard on movement to and from centers and using our "indoor voices". Overall, we are doing a nice job! Centers are a favorite part of the day! Please ask your student what they did at centers each day to get an idea of what we are working on.

Literacy

We have been busy this week looking at alliteration and beginning letter sounds. We've read lots of great book exploring the alphabet and have even made a few of our own class books. One of our favorite books this week was The Z Was Zapped by Chris Van Allsburg. It was a mysterious letter book which gave the kindergartners opportunities to make predictions using what they knew about that letter sound. Letter sounds are a huge building block for literacy and we ask that you please reinforce this skill at home.

Math

We focused on direction words this week during math. We used words like above, below, before, after, left, and right. Learning left and right can be tricky, but an

important descriptor for students to learn. We practiced this skill by asking students to follow these directions on their paper: draw a blue cloud on the left side, a yellow sun on the right side, a red flower on the left side, and green grass on the right side. This can be a fun and easy way to practice the skill at home. We also discussed small, medium, and large using the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears. It was a great example of small, medium, and large.

Social Studies

During our first unit of social studies we are understanding ourselves, families, and community. This week we talked about what makes us special and some of our individual interests. We also explored our families. We found that every family is different and unique. Next week we will take a look at our home and our school community. A kindergarten expectation is that students know their street address, city, and state. Please work on this skill not only to meet the kindergarten expectation, but also as an important safety precaution.

Lunch

Lunch has been very successful! The kids are getting used to the lunch process. Please ask your child what they ate for lunch everyday and encourage them to try all things on their tray. We have noticed some students are only drinking their milk and taking one bite. We don't want anyone to be hungry in the afternoon! Please check the lunch menu if you have a picky eater.

COLD LUNCH STUDENTS: If your child wants milk for lunch you can either send 40 cents with them to school or they can have it charged to their lunch account.

Important Reminders

We will begin making a class book next week on rhyming words. **Please have your student bring in two rhyming objects from home. (Example: a sock and a rock)** Please have the objects in a bag with your student's name clearly marked on the bag. They will share the objects with the other students and then we will take their picture for the class book. We would like to have all objects at school by Monday, September 14th. Have fun helping your student find some creative rhyming objects.

Have a great weekend!
Go Hawks and Cyclones 😊
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