



# Kinder News

September 18, 2009

## Religion

This week we learned about God's love for us and the gifts he has given us. We found out that God made each one of us different and unique and with a special purpose! We also learned the Golden Rule (Treat others the way you want to be treated) and the Great Commandment (Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength). It is a kindergarten expectation that the students are able to state these, so please work these at home!

## Reading

We continue to work on letter identification, letter sounds, rhyming words, word wall words, and phonemic awareness activities in reading. We have introduced the words "the" "can" "I" "red" "little" and "like" to the students.

We have been looking for these words during Shared Reading as well as writing the words during center time. Encourage your child to read and write these words at home. Ask your child to circle these words on cereal boxes, newspapers, etc. We will continue to introduce word wall words throughout the year. The words are gradually introduced and posted on the SFA website as they are taught throughout the year. Please note: These words have been changed due to full day kindergarten, if you had a kindergartener in the past these words are different.

Thank you for sending in rhyming objects from home. Rhyming is one of the key components of phonemic awareness, continue to read rhyming stories at home with your child and have them listen to see if they can pick out the rhyming word. The kindergarteners had fun playing a guessing game with the objects and look for a class book to come home in September/October.

## Handwriting

We've been practicing some letters using our wood pieces during handwriting. We also played a sign in game that helped the students focus on starting the letters at the top and stopping at the line. As a large group we have been working in our handwriting workbooks. One thing to point out, the style of

writing we are learning is different from the D'Nealian style that your older siblings are used to. D'Nealian has many loops, curves, and tails that can be difficult for children to form at this age. Handwriting Without Tears takes more of a "big line, little line, big curve, little curve" approach. Always remind your child to form the letters from top to bottom and left to right. If you would like more information visit the website! [www.hwtears.com](http://www.hwtears.com)

### **Math**

This week we continued talking about shapes. We thought of everyday objects and considered their shape. We made our own Shape Books, turning circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles into things like cookies, presents, pizzas, and refrigerators. We hope you enjoyed looking at these. The kindergartners had fun playing 0 – 10 Memory with partners. This is a fun and easy way to practice number recognition.

### **Social Studies**

We are wrapping up our unit on *I Know Myself*. This week we focused on our school and the people in it. We took a special tour of the school and learned about school long ago. We are thankful for the many inventions that make our life at school and home so much easier!

### **Folders**

Please remember that your child's folder is our #1 form of communicating. It is important that this folder makes it to school each day and that it is looked through and emptied each night. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Behavior Sheets**

We have had many questions about the Behavior Sheets that come home at the end of each week. If you see a smiley face, that means your child stayed at green for that day (green for great day). If you see a letter and number it means your child pulled a card on that day (ex. B-2, means your child moved to blue and the reason was for disruptive/disrespectful behavior). Please use the key on the back of the behavior sheet for help. We hope this helps!

### **Towels**

Please remember that towels will be sent home on Fridays and are to be returned Monday (or the next day back). We don't have enough extra towels for all the students.

### Tardy

Reminder! Students are considered tardy and MUST check in at the office after the 8:25 bell.

### Weather

As the weather begins to change, please make sure your child's name is on his/her sweatshirts, coats, etc. Thank you!  
Have a great, long weekend and see you on Tuesday!

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