



Kinder News September 25, 2009

Religion

During the month of September, we have focused on the respect trait from our Faith Based Character Education program. Next week we will role- play ways to be respectful. Please discuss ways in which your child can show respect in the various areas of his/her life (home, school, t-ball etc.).

As we enter October, we wanted to let you know that October is the Month of the Rosary. We will introduce the rosary to the students. School wide rosary services will be held each Monday. Please refer to the Family Packet for Rosary Service times. You are more than welcome to attend these services. You may also send a rosary from home, but it is not necessary as the school does provide rosaries for every student to use at school. This would be a good time to practice the prayers of The Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, and the Hail Mary.

Reading

In Reading this week, we've been working on beginning letter sounds, rhyming words and syllable clapping. The students have been continuing to write using "Best Guess" writing. We focus on the sounds they hear at the beginning, middle, and end. Although their words might not always look as they would appear in a book, they are encouraged to record all of the sounds they hear. Try asking your child to tell you sounds they hear in the beginning, middle, and/or end of words at home. They are getting very good at this!

We read the story I Want My Mom and practiced making predictions. When children stop to make predictions while reading it's a great way to strengthen and encourage comprehension skills.

Math

This week we continued to work on patterns and counting. The students made growing patterns using their bodies, for example 1 student sits the next 1 stands, 2 sit, 1 stand, 3 sit, 1 stand. This is a growing pattern practice these at home for fun! In the 123 center your child is putting 10 apples on top of their head just like the story, Ten Apples Up on Top. We will be making these pages into a class book, so look for this to come home in the near future!

Science

We began our apple unit. We are observing natural events and identifying the changes that occur with living things. We will look at apple trees through the seasons, consider how apples grow, and collect data. This is a fun and tasty unit that students always enjoy!

FYI

- School Pictures (Dress up day)- Monday, Sept. 28th
- Recess Duty Schedule is on the website, please check it out.
Thanks for all who volunteered!
- We are in need for more snacks! Thanks in advance for donating.

Healthy choices are:

Cereal (w/o nuts)	Plain pretzels	Teddy Grahams	Yogurt Bars
Raisins	Fresh Fruit	Plain club, Ritz, or whole grain crackers	
String cheese	Animal Crackers	Rice Krispie Treats	Fig Newtons
Goldfish	Cheese Nips	Oatmeal Bites	Vanilla Wafers
Wheat Thins	Nutrigrain Bars	Pre-packaged fresh vegetables	
Nabisco Graham Crackers			

- Please have your child bring a stuffed animal to school on Friday, Oct. 2nd to help us celebrate St. Francis and his love for animals
- If your child forgets their lunch at home please DO NOT bring it to the school office. We will have them sign up for a hot lunch.
- A note from the nurse was emailed to you last week about making sure your child brings an extra set of underwear, pants, and socks to school. These will be kept in their locker. This can also come in handy when their pants get wet from lunch or being outside.

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