



Kinder News September 4, 2009

Religion

We have finished up our Mass Booklets and you should see them coming home tonight. This helped the kindergartners clearly understand parts of mass. Feel free to review these things with your child at home. Our intent is to create more awareness and participation each time we attend mass. The kindergartners did a fantastic job at mass this morning. We are very proud of their participation.

Reading

This week, we read The Little Engine That Could. We talked about the characters and setting and added two words to our word wall: I and can. We have also been working with syllable clapping and rhyming words (Level One of Phonemic Awareness). We continue to do our Name Cheer everyday as well. This fun activity also builds Concept of Print skills, more specifically, how letters make words and that names begin with capital letters. We will do the Name Cheer until each student has had a chance to "cheer" his/her name. Ask your child how this process works!

Math

We have graphed the number of letters in our names and the weather. During math this week, we concentrated on the shapes and their properties. We can find shapes EVERYWHERE! We will begin working on before, after, or between next week. We will be doing several activities throughout the year that build this skill. You can practice this at home by telling your child a number and then have them tell you what comes before or after it. If you give them two numbers see if they can give you the number between.

Discipline Sheets

Discipline Sheets are sent home every Friday. Please review your child's week with him/her, sign the sheet, and send it back to school on Monday. Please reinforce appropriate and respectful behavior for school with your child. Thank you for your help!

Communication

Please continue to communicate with your child about his/her day at school. Specific questions work best! Ask your child what center he/she went to, who was the calendar helper, whose name was cheered, what did you play at recess, what Related Arts did you go to etc.? If you get time, please have your child show you the family picture they drew. They will be hung up in the Kindergarten hallway next week. It was great learning all about what your family likes to do together!

REMINDERS

- If you have not sent a 4x6 horizontal picture of child, please do so next week!
- The kindergartners will begin full days **TUESDAY, SEPT. 8th**. 80% students will be brought out the south side doors for a mini carline at 11:30.
- Please send a solid color towel with your child on Tuesday for our rest time. We will be sending home these towels each Friday to be washed.
- Students are allowed to wear Iowa/ISU team t-shirts Wednesday, Sept. 9th. Please dress your child with dress code approved bottoms however.
- Mrs. Heckle, our guidance counselor will be meeting with small groups of kindergartners this year in order to help them feel welcomed to SFA
- Please take a VERY CLOSE look at the email addresses listed below. Although Mrs. Crandell has two L's in her name her email address only

has 1. There is also another K Howard that works for the diocese so Mrs. Howard's email has a 2 after her name. We want to be sure to receive any email you send so double check you have it entered into your address book correctly.

- Take a moment to look at the recess schedule saved to the kindergarten home page. If you are still interested in signing up let us know. We have a few parents that have many dates because they were so kind to fill in where needed. We will have a sign up sheet for November and December at conferences.

We are very pleased with our group of Kindergarteners this year! Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs. Crandell, Mrs. Morris, and Mrs. Howard

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