

KINDERGARTEN NEWS!



NOVEMBER 6, 2009

WHAT A MARVELOUS FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER IN KINDERGARTEN! HERE ARE A FEW OF THE OUTSTANDING THINGS WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING...

RELIGION: We...

- Discovered that the Bible tells us about Jesus
- Discussed the ways we can show we live as children of God
- Celebrated and thanked God for the Bible by singing "I Listen Very Carefully" and drawing a picture of our favorite Bible story
- Discovered the promise God made to Noah as we began Chapter 7

From our Gospel lesson we were reminded of the importance as Catholic Christians to love God and others even when it might seem difficult.

MATH: This week in math, we...

- Practiced how to count to 10, different ways to make 10, and the correct way to read and write 10
- Practiced problem solving by making a graph
- Took our Topic 4 Test

LANGUAGE ARTS: We...

- Heard the stories Animal Babies in Grasslands and Bear Snores On, and sang the songs "Who Lives in the Grassland?" and "Hush, Little Brown Bear"
- Continued working with the words *calf, grassland, cub, pup, joey, and foal* from last week, and began learning the new vocabulary words *sleep, winter, cave, woods, storm, and blustery*
- Finished our discussion about the animals that live in the grasslands and began talking about where a bear hibernates
- Continued working on our high-frequency word recognition by reading our class flash cards and identifying words that we found in stories like *We Like School, My Map, Tam and Sam at the Zoo* and *Rosie*
- Reviewed that a *main idea* is the important idea in a story, and that good readers think about the main idea of each story as they read
- Discussed and reviewed the concept of *compare and contrast* and began talking about the concepts of *realism and fantasy*
- Continued blending sounds to make short /a/ words
- Worked more with letters Pp and Ss, and began identifying words that begin with the /k/ sound spelled with letter Cc
- Practiced writing the letters Pp and Cc

SCIENCE: We...

- Identified *patterns* viewed in a picture on display
- Began learning how to identify patterns like AB, AAB, ABB, and ABC
- Classified, compared, sorted, identified, and created patterns on the Smart Board, and with connecting cubes, crayons, and/or buttons

SOCIAL STUDIES: This week in social studies, we...

- Continued talking about the different ways to describe the location of things (for example above, below, left, right, behind, in front of)
- Practiced using this vocabulary with different items in the classroom
- Started learning about globes and maps
- Compared and contrasted globes and maps

Notes from your teachers:

- Please continue to have your child work on the words that they have learned up to now: ***I, am, the, little, to, a, have, is, see*** and ***at***, and please add the words ***we, my, and like*** to your child's set of flash cards this weekend. Thanks!
- **Just a few schedule reminders:** Due to Parent Teacher Conferences, every day next week from **Monday, November 9 through Thursday, November 12, are Minimum Days.** **Friday, November 13, is a holiday** in observance of Veterans' Day.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences Next Week:** Kindergarten Report Cards will be passed out at this time. The allotted time for each conference is 15 minutes.
- In your child's Friday envelope you will find a form that you may want to fill out if you are interested in having your child screened by the **Associated Learning and Language Specialists.** They will be screening at St. Pius School on November 23rd. **Please turn in your form to the school office by November 16.**



Have an excellent weekend!

Sincerely,
~Miss O'Rourke and Miss Sullivan