

# KINDERGARTEN NEWS!

## NOVEMBER 20, 2009



WOW! WHAT A FUN-FILLED WEEK! HERE ARE A FEW OF THE VERY EXCITING THINGS WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING...

### RELIGION: We...

- Celebrated that God loves and cares for us by drawing a rainbow, praying to thank Him, and singing the song "I Listen Very Carefully"
- Discovered that our family helps us to learn to live as children of God as we began Chapter 8
- Learned that our families are gifts from God
- Discussed how our families help us know and love God

\*\*From Sunday's gospel reading we learned about The Feast of Christ the King and created our own crowns.\*\*

### MATH: We...

- Used counting to identify a number that is 1 and 2 more, and 1 and 2 fewer than another number
- Ordered numbers from 0-10 in sequence

### LANGUAGE ARTS: We...

- Heard the stories A Bed for the Winter and sang the song "Little Mouse"
- Continued working with the words *nest, meadow, stump, tree trunk, hive, and den* from last week, and began learning the new vocabulary words *gallop, splash, slither, wiggle, swish, and sway*
- Finished our discussion about the kinds of good homes animals need and began talking about the ways animals move
- Continued working on our high-frequency word recognition by reading our class flash cards and identifying these same words in stories like *For Pat, Tip and Pat, A House for Pip, and Pete Can Dig*
- Began exploring the concept of sequencing as we completed a story sequence cut-and-paste ordering the events from the story The Bear Snores On
- Continued blending sounds to make words
- Identified words that had middle short /a/ and middle short /i/ by tapping our knee or our nose
- Worked more with letters Cc and its sound /k/
- Practiced writing the letter Bb and the high-frequency words *He* and *for* on the Smart Board and on paper

**SCIENCE:** We...

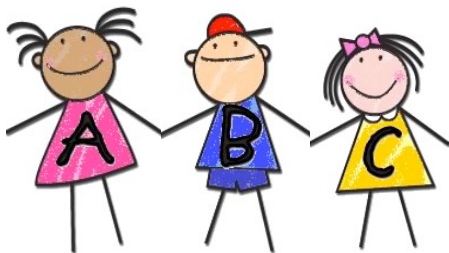
- Identified that water is a liquid; and discovered that water takes the shape of the container it is in as we observed Miss O'Rourke pour the same amount of liquid water into two vases of very different sizes
- Drew pictures to show what we learned about how liquid water can change shape
- Reviewed what we learned about water from "The Icicle" lesson (water can change back and forth from liquid to solid and vice versa); and extended what we know about water by learning the following songs and rhymes: 'Six Little Snowmen,' 'I Hear Thunder,' 'Cloud,' and 'The Rain'

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** We...

- Compared and contrasted maps and globes using a Venn Diagram
- Started talking about different traffic symbols and signs
- Played the game "Red Light, Green Light" to practice following traffic lights

**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, at, we, my, like, are,* and *look,* and please add the words *He* and *for* to your child's set of flash cards. Thank you!
- Your children were very happy to help buy extra food for local families in need today at Lucky's with their 8<sup>th</sup> grade buddies. What a memorable experience! Way to help others kindergarten!
- **A few schedule reminders:** Next Wednesday, November 25, is a Minimum Day; and there is no school on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



*Have a wonderful weekend!*

Sincerely,  
~Miss O'Rourke and Miss Sullivan