

KINDERGARTEN NEWS!

APRIL 23, 2010



WHAT A FANTASTIC WEEK! HERE ARE A FEW OF THE EXCITING THINGS WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING...

RELIGION: In religion this week, we...

- Discussed ways the Holy Spirit helps us
- Learned to pray to the Holy Spirit and discovered that the Holy Spirit is the spirit of God that is within each and every one of us guiding and helping us to make good choices each day
- Celebrated that the Holy Spirit is with us, sang "Make Good Choices," and made and decorated kites
- Began Chapter 19, "We Make Choices" and talked about the different ways we make choices each day

From today's gospel lesson, we heard the Bible story about Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

MATH: In math this week, we...

- Compared and ordered objects by weight
- Weighed classroom objects using a balance scale and connecting cubes
- Learned to solve problems by estimating
- Took our Topic 13 Test

LANGUAGE ARTS: In language arts this week, we...

- Heard the stories The Little Engine That Could and On the Move!
- Sang the songs "On the Tracks to the Mountain" and "How Do You Go?"
- Finished working with the words *engine, tracks, passenger, roundhouse, mountain, and valley* and began learning the words *travel, kayak, llama, dogsled, double-decker bus, and submarine*
- Finished discussing what a train needs to get over a mountain and started talking about how people in different parts of the world travel
- Continued working on our high-frequency word recognition along with beginning, middle, and ending sounds by identifying them in the stories *Bud Likes Mud, Bump! Bump! Bump!, Val's Top, and Zip Up, Val!*
- Reviewed initial and medial short /u/ words
- Began learning about the letters Vv and Zz and how to write them properly
- Practiced writing our own *questions* on the Smart Board
- Practiced identifying *word families* by providing the middle and ending sounds like *-ad, -ax, -ip, -op* after hearing a list of words

- Practiced segmenting words into each separate sound with words like bus /b/-/u/-/s/; cup /k/-/u/-/p/; cut /k/-/u/-/t/; hut /h/-/u/-/t/; and tub /t/-/u/-/b/
- Continued writing in our journals and made flashcard word sentences

SCIENCE: This week in science, we...

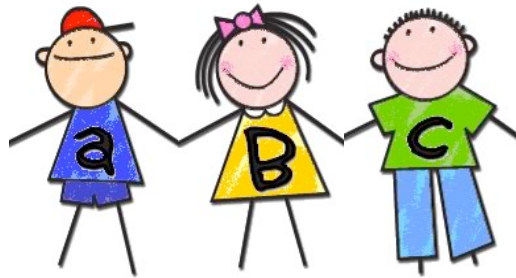
- Discussed the seasons of summer and fall
- Played a game on the Smart Board about summer and fall
- Wrote sentences and drew pictures about summer and fall

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

- Continued our discussion about rules and the importance of following them
- Heard the books The Recess Queen and King of the Playground
- Began our review lesson on what it takes to be a good citizen and related that to following rules like sharing and taking turns
- Drew pictures of something a good citizen would do and labeled them by sounding out the words

Notes from your teachers:

- Please continue to have your child practice the words they have learned up to now: *I, am, the, little, to, a, have, is, see, at, we, my, like, are, look, he, for, in, it, she, and, play, with, me, can, an, today, of, you, they, that, do, one, two, three, four, five, here, go, from, on, so, up, no, said, be, will, blue, green, yellow, what, and was,* and please add the words *where* and *come*. Thank you!



Have a marvelous weekend!

Sincerely,

~Miss O'Rourke and Miss Sullivan