

KINDERGARTEN NEWS!



MAY 7, 2010

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

RELIGION: In religion this week, we discussed...

- How Christian families keep Sunday holy
- How Jesus taught us to love God
- Ways our families teach us to love God

From today's gospel lesson, we heard the story of Jesus telling His disciples that He will be leaving them to go back to His Father, but even though He is leaving He will always be with them.

MATH: In math this week, we...

- Continued learning how to tell time to the hour on an analog clock and practiced showing time to the hour on small Judy clocks
- Estimated and wrote the times of events that happen throughout the day
- Categorized events by those that would happen during the day and those that would happen at night by using logical reasoning

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

- Heard the stories This Is the Way We Go to School and Building with Dad
- Sang the songs "How Do Children Get to School?" and "This Is the Way We Build Our School"
- Finished working with the words *cable car*, *trolley*, *horse-and-buggy*, *skis*, *Metro line*, and *vaporetto* and began learning about the words *groundbreaking*, *trenches*, *foundation*, *welding*, *waterproof*, and *gleaming*
- Finished discussing how children around the world get to school and started talking about what you need to build a school
- Continued working on our high-frequency word recognition along with beginning, middle, and ending sounds by identifying them in the stories *Quinn Can Do It!*, *Yes!*, *Vin and the Bag*, and *If Kip Can*
- Continued working with the sounds /y/ and /kw/ for letters y and qu, and printing the letters Yy and Qq on the Smart Board and in our handwriting books
- Reviewed the letters Vv, Zz, Aa, and Ii
- Continued working with sentences on the Smart Board and reviewed the video/song about sentences on the Smart Board to reinforce all of the things we need to think about when we read or write our own sentences

SCIENCE: This week in science, we...

- Performed a small-group experiment to test which type of material would be best to wear on a rainy day
- Practiced recording our results as a group on the Smart Board and also independently

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

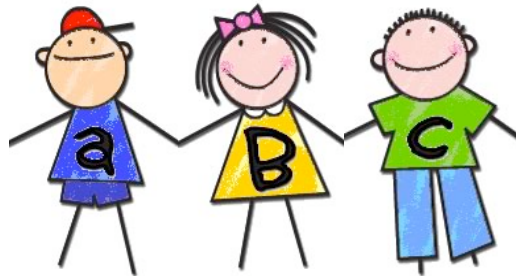
- Had a review lesson for Unit 3 "Work" Lesson 1: "What jobs do people do?"

Notes from your teachers:

- Mini Olympics is next Friday, May 14th. On this day Kindergarten will stay at school until 3:00pm.
- Wednesday's Grandparents' and Special Persons' Day and the Spring Sing/Art Show were so fun and memorable! Great singing and beautiful art Kindergarten! It was a real pleasure meeting all of your grandparents and special persons!
- 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, was, where, and come.* Thank you!

Zoo Field Trip Reminders:

- Monday, May 10th is the K & 8 field trip to the Oakland Zoo. Drivers please make sure you are at school by 8:30am, since we will need to leave by 8:45am. Dismissal on this day is at 3:00pm. The car seat law requires all children under the age of 6 or weighing less than 60 pounds to be in a car seat or booster seat. Parents will need to drop off car seats or booster seats on the morning of the field trip so they may be secured in cars before we leave for the zoo. Please leave them on the silver bench outside the classroom. Please allow space for car seats if you have signed up to drive on this field trip. Your child may wear play clothes on this day and have him/her bring a sweatshirt or jacket in case the weather is on the cool side. Your child also needs to bring a sack lunch to be carried by his/her 8th grade buddy, and \$3.00 for an optional snack in the afternoon. Thank you!



Have an outstanding weekend!

Sincerely,
~Miss O'Rourke and Miss Sullivan