

KINDERGARTEN NEWS!

MAY 21, 2010



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

RELIGION: In religion this week, we...

- Described what it means to be a good neighbor, read our mini Bible booklet, and reflected on the story of the Good Samaritan
- Discussed how good neighbors treat other people with kindness
- Talked about ways we can be good neighbors
- Celebrated that we are good neighbors to one another, made "Good Neighbor Badges," prayed, and sang "I Love You' Is a Happy Sound"

From today's gospel lesson, we learned about the Feast of Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit symbols: wind, fire, and the dove.

MATH: In math this week, we...

- Learned all about calendars, including the parts of a calendar and how to fill in the dates on a calendar
- Practiced matching different months in the year to the seasons with which they belong
- Reviewed and took our Topic 15 Test on calendars

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

- Heard the stories Old MacDonal had a Woodshop and Building Beavers
- Sang the songs "If I Were a Builder" and "Hush, Little Beaver"
- Finished working with the words *saw, drill, hammer, screwdriver, file, and chisel* and began learning about the words *beaver, lodge, paddle, river, stream, and lake*
- Finished discussing the kinds of tools you need to build different things and started talking about how beavers build
- Continued working on our high-frequency word recognition along with beginning, middle, and ending sounds by identifying them in the stories *Fix the Big Box, Will Cass Come?, Max, the Hot Rod, and Jim and Kim*
- Practiced working with the initial and medial short /o/ sound
- Reviewed the sounds /a/ and /i/, identifying them at the beginning and middle of words
- Practiced identifying adjectives in sentences and printing the letters Ee, Ii, and Oo on the SMART Board

SCIENCE: This week in science, we...

- Learned about what a meteorologist's job entails and why the job is important
- Practiced being meteorologists by making our own "weather reports" on the SMART Board
- Began discussing Earth's natural resources and how we can protect them

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

- Had lots of fun learning about different types of bridges from Mr. Grimm (Dylan's grandfather)
- Took part in an exciting hands-on exploration to "build" various types of bridges as teams using different shapes and sizes of materials to make them strong
- Helped build a model of the Golden Gate Bridge

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, was, where, and come.* Thank you!
- **Just a reminder:** If you have not yet signed and returned your child's report card, please do so by the end of next week. Thanks!
- Kindergarten visited the third grade's saints' wax museum and learned about different saints, some new and some they've learned about before. Third grade did an amazing job playing the parts of the various saints!
- The Blue Star Moms visited the students this week to help make the connection and show appreciation for the many donations we've collected in an effort to create the comforting care packages that go to the men and women serving our country abroad. What a touching and memorable visit! Thanks for your support Kindergarten!



Have an outstanding weekend!

Sincerely,
~Miss O'Rourke and Miss Sullivan