



## MISS O'ROURKE'S KINDERGARTEN NEWS!

SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

WOW! THIS WEEK IN KINDERGARTEN WAS FABULOUS! HERE ARE SOME OF THE EXCITING THINGS WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING...

### RELIGION: We...

- Discovered that our five senses are gifts from God
  - Described ways we use our five senses to learn about God's world
  - Talked about things in the world we discover with our senses that show God's love
  - Began Chapter 3, "God Gives Us the Earth," and learned that God created the land and water, sun and moon and stars
- \*\*We had our Gospel lesson for this Sunday's Mass and heard what Jesus tells us to do in order to be great.

### MATH: We...

- Took our Topic 1 Test and practiced the sorting concepts and skills we learned in Topic 1
- Heard a counting story and used objects to represent and count the quantities 1, 2, and 3 as we began Topic 2
- Practiced reading and writing the numbers 1, 2, and 3 and identified or made matching sets of objects

### LANGUAGE ARTS: We...

- Heard Plaidypus Lost, recited the poem "Purple Platypus" and learned about position words like *around*, *over*, *under* and other words including *groceries*, *market*, *platypus*, *around*, and opposites: *high low*, *in out*, *lost found*, *up down*, *wet dry*
- Choral read the stories *Little Animals*, *The Little Toys*, *Cat and Dog Play*, and *Pete* with Miss O'Rourke to practice the high frequency words *I*, *am*, *the*, and *little*
- Reviewed the letters Aa - Mm, learned about the letters Nn, Oo, Pp, Qq, and Rr, and took turns practicing proper letter formation by printing and tracing the letters on either the Smart Board or Miss O'Rourke's small white dry erase board
- Continued to talk about the concept of *cooperation* and discussed what it means in our families
- Practiced identifying the beginning sounds of words and clapped the syllables that make up words

**SCIENCE:** We...

- Learned about the scientific method and what it means to make predictions and test them out as we participated in our first science experiment weighing objects (small wooden block, small blue rubber ball, feathers, small Styrofoam ball, and small metal washer or coin) on a balance scale to determine which was heavier or lighter
- Categorized objects and sorted them into groups based on color, shape, size, texture, or weight

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** We continued our second lesson on what it takes to be a good citizen, watched another good citizens' video on the Smart Board and learned...

- How important it is to live each day as not just good, but great citizens of our country; this means that our actions are honest, help others, and demonstrate an ability to take responsibility for our own actions
- About Abraham Lincoln, Amelia Earhart, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the wonderful contributions they made as great citizens helping to better the United States of America

**Notes from Miss O'Rourke:**

- Friday I put a clipboard outside of the classroom to better assist your child in getting his/her Divine Catering lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays, and/or Fridays. I will have the clipboard and list outside every day of the week so that you can indicate the dates that your child is having Divine. Thanks so much!
- **Just a reminder:** Scholastic Orders are due next Friday!

*Have a spectacular weekend!*

Sincerely,  
~Miss O'Rourke