

MISS O'ROURKE'S KINDERGARTEN NEWS!

OCTOBER 9, 2009



WE HAD SUCH A FUN-FILLED WEEK IN KINDERGARTEN! HERE ARE SOME OF THE EXCITING THINGS WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING...

RELIGION: We...

- Celebrated and thanked God for making the world as we closed Chapter 4, "God Gives Us Animals and Plants"
- Began learning the "Hail Mary" and the "Glory Be" prayers as we learned to pray the Rosary (we even got our own Rosary beads!)
- Opened Chapter 5, "God Creates All People" and discovered that all people belong to the family of God

From Friday's Gospel lesson we learned what Jesus says we truly need.

MATH: We...

- Identified a group of objects that has *1* or *2 fewer* than another group
- Learned that *zero* means none
- Recognized and wrote the numeral that describes the quantity 0
- Used objects to *order* numbers 0 to 5 in sequence

LANGUAGE ARTS: We...

- Heard the stories The Biggest Pumpkin Ever, Dig Dig Digging, and sang the songs "Mr. Malcolm Monkey" and "Look at Them Go!"
- Reviewed the words *drum, rattle, horn, saxophone, guitar, and band* from last week, and learned the new vocabulary words *scooping, swooshing, squelching, gobbling, spinning, and rumbling*
- Focused on the letter Tt and the sound /t/ and practiced identifying words that begin with /t/ and end in /t/
- Choral read the stories *Let's Go, At the Toy Store* with Miss O'Rourke to practice the high frequency words *I, am, a, the, to, and little*
- Discussed how machines help people work together
- Reviewed and extended what we know about verbs, and continued learning about nouns
- Practiced writing the letters Mm and Pp, and identifying words that begin with /m/, /y/, and /z/

SCIENCE: We...

- Learned how pumpkins are grown and visited Amador's Garden where some pumpkins were growing on the vines
- Made predictions ("guessed") the weight of the pumpkins we picked at Pastorino's and then weighed our pumpkins on a scale to find their actual weight
- Identified the materials that make up different objects like scissors, rulers, paper, dolls, stuffed animals, buttons, and paintbrushes

- Described the shapes, weight, and sounds that objects make as we observed a few real instruments i.e., rhythm sticks, a triangle, and tambourine, as well as some of the interactive instruments Miss O'Rourke "played" on the Smart Board

SOCIAL STUDIES: We...

- Finished our lesson on symbols of our state and country, heard the story "L" Is For Liberty, and watched a video clip on the Smart Board to reinforce what we've learned about symbols
- Began Unit 3 about jobs that people do in our communities, and met Mr. Roman Gomez, a Redwood City Police Officer

Notes from Miss O'Rourke:

- The children had an absolute blast at the pumpkin patch! What a great learning experience for us all!
- Wow! A very big congratulations goes out to your children for winning the Innisbrook Wrapping Paper contest's "Banana Split Party" which they were awarded today! Nice work Kindergarten!

Have an outstanding 3-day weekend!



Sincerely,
~Miss O'Rourke