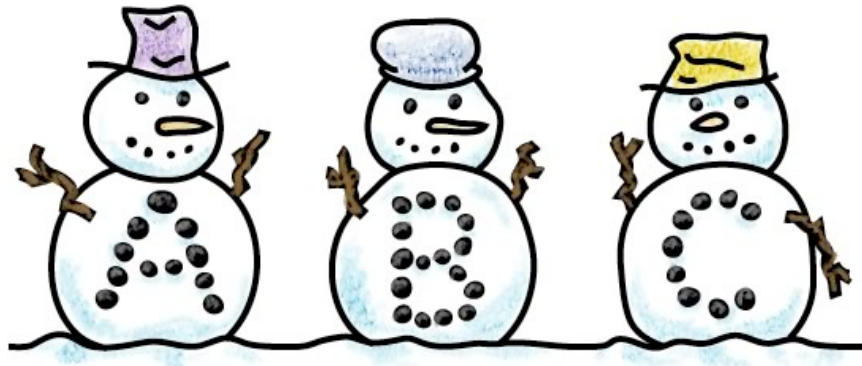


KINDERGARTEN NEWS!



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WHAT A GREAT WEEK, HERE ARE SOME OF THE SPECTACULAR THINGS WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING...

RELIGION: We...

- Discovered that our church family is a sign of God's love
- Were visited by Father Rossi who taught us all about the different kinds of families we have, class family, home family, and church family and how special each of them are
- Learned that the Church is like our home in God's family
- Learned there are many people in our church family



During our Gospel lesson today we heard how the first disciples followed God's call; and drew a picture of someone in our lives that we listen to for guidance.

MATH: With Mrs. Raffetto we...

- Compared numbers using signs $<$ and $>$ (1-30)
- Counted 28 objects, recognized/printed numbers through 25
- Added numbers to 20 using the number line
- Created number stories using addition sentences
- Learned about solid shapes: Sphere
- Added "doubles" through 6 (0+0, 1+1, 2+2, 3+3, 4+4, 5+5, 6+6)
- Learned to count by 5's to 50

LANGUAGE ARTS: We...

- Listened to the stories, Little Quack and George Washington Visits
- Finished discussing what new things we can do as we get older and started talking about the things we can learn from people that lived before us i.e. people in history
- Concluded our work with the words *duckling, pond, paddle, plunged, proud, and brave* and began learning about the words *celebration, sprinted, barn, blacksmith, arch, and soldier*
- Identified the /b/ and /n/ sound at the beginning and end of words
- Continued working with the /r/ sound spelled r

- Began working with the letters Dd and Kk
- Had more practice "stretching out" the sounds in a variety of words
- Practiced identifying our flashcard words

SCIENCE: We...

- Checked on our "evaporation cups" and noticed that the water in the cups on the window sill have already evaporated significantly compared to the cups in the dark, shady and cold closet (barely any evaporated from the water line mark)
- Observed an ice cube experiment where a cup with a cube of ice was on the window sill and one placed in the back closet to see which would melt faster
- Watched three ice cubes melting at one hundred times normal speed which was so cool

SOCIAL STUDIES: We...

- Began our lesson, "What symbols do you know?" and learned about traffic and map symbols
- Read stories about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and talked about the good example he set for us

Important Notes for Parents:



The words that the children have learned up to now are: ***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, and today.*** Please add the words of ***you,*** and ***they*** to your child's flashcard set. Thank you!



Just a friendly reminder: It is really helpful during the Tuesday and Friday morning routines when each child's pizza and ice cream money is clearly labeled with his/her name. Often times children cannot remember how many loose bills they had or which is their unmarked baggy or envelope. Thanks in advance!

Have an outstanding 3-day weekend!



~Miss O'Rourke
~Mrs. Raffetto