

KINDERGARTEN NEWS!



Zacchaeus, who was very short, climbed a tree so he could see Jesus.

FEBRUARY 2, 2012

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

RELIGION: We...

- Began a new chapter and heard and discussed the story of Zacchaeus
- Learned that Zacchaeus was a tax collector who cheated people out of money (didn't make good choices) and after Jesus reached out to him and spent time with Zacchaeus, Zacchaeus became a better person and followed Jesus starting first by giving to others (paying 4 times the money he cheated people out of and gave half of his money to the poor)
- Discovered the importance of listening to Jesus and talked about the different ways we can do that
- Discussed that Jesus teaches us to be fair and kind to others as we shared our beautiful heart cut-outs with another student in the class

MATH: With Mrs. Raffetto we...

- Added numbers to 20 using the number line
- Wrote number sentences after hearing subtraction number stories
- Reviewed solid shapes: cylinder, cone, sphere and cube
- 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
- Used computers to practice number word sight recognition
- Practiced counting Ordinal Numbers first to tenth while reading "Ten Little Caterpillars"
- Compared numbers to 20 and put in order from least to greatest

LANGUAGE ARTS: We...

- Finished working with the story Then and Now and the words *gears, headphones, webcams, handwritten, phonographs, and newspapers*
- Had a lot of wonderful and insightful discussions about how things from the past are different today
- Began our first lesson on the story The Lion and the Mouse
- Reviewed the letter f
- Reviewed compare and contrast and what makes a sentence

- Continued working with the letter o at the beginning and middle of words like *octopus* and *mop*
- Practiced identifying words that have a, i, and o in the middle like tap, six, and pop and forming the letters a, i, o, and u in sand and on paper
- Reviewed sequencing
- Practiced our sounding out skills

SCIENCE: We...

- Reviewed what we learned about crickets and goldfish last week as we helped Miss O'Rourke complete a fabulous Venn Diagram demonstrating what we learned about crickets and goldfish similarities and differences (Group A and B did such and awesome job!)
- Drew a goldfish and cricket's habitat

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, today, of, you, they, that, do, one, two, three, four, and five.* Please continue to have your child work with these words. Thanks so much!
- Inside your child's envelope you will find an application for a Redwood City Public Library Card called the KinderCard. Please fill it out and return it this Monday, February 6th.
- A big thank you from us to you for the lovely "Teacher Appreciation" gifts! It was such a special day! Thank you!
- We had so much fun as a class celebrating the days leading up to and on the very special 100th Day of School by doing a variety of exciting activities! Woo hoo!
- The Shamrock-a-thon was such a blast! We got to Zumba to our hearts content and walk around the school grounds. What a fun fundraiser!

Have a marvelous three-day weekend! Tomorrow is a Student Holiday!



~Miss O'Rourke
~Mrs. Raffetto