

KINDERGARTEN NEWS!

NOVEMBER 30, 2007

THIS WEEK IN KINDERGARTEN WAS SO MUCH FUN, HERE IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE MANY EXCITING THINGS WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING...

RELIGION: We learned...

- How to describe our family as a gift from God
- That our family helps us know and love God
- How to demonstrate respect and show love for our family
- How to celebrate and thank God for our family
- What it means to prepare for the "Second Coming of Jesus" (Mass on 12/2/07 will be the first Sunday of Advent)

MATH: We learned how to...

- Count, recognize, represent, and name examples of three, four, five, and zero

LANGUAGE ARTS: This week...

- We heard the stories Rosie Rabbit's Radish, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom (performed by Ray Charles), A Bee Buzzed By, Ten Sly Piranhas, Hands Are Not for Hitting, and Angel of God, What's Your Name?
- We learned the poems "Tommy", "Rainy Day", and "Crackers and Crumbs"
- We reviewed the words "I" and "see" and identified them in the poem "Tommy"
- We played a beginning sound game in which Miss O'Rourke would select different words from the poem "Rainy Day" and we had to identify the letter and sound for each word
- We played some beginning sound games to practice identifying the letter and sound for r like "Name That Word", "Pat Our Tummies", and "Stand Up Sit Down" (the Alphafriend "Reggie Rooster" helps us remember the letter and sound for r)
- We played a fun beginning sounds game called "Sassy Seals" on our classroom computers
- We practiced "Reggie Rooster's Song" and writing the letter Rr
- We reviewed the "Reggie Rooster" sound and played a game in which we had to predict the beginning letter (r) and the words that Miss O'Rourke covered up on her picture-word letter r page
- We reviewed the letter-sounds for m and s
- We began learning about how to make singular and plural names by adding s when there is more than one of something (this concept was hard for us)

SCIENCE:

- We learned about magnets and the different kinds of objects that will attract and will not attract to them

SOCIAL STUDIES:

- We completed our "Symbols" lesson and Miss O'Rourke introduced us to a fun interactive way to learn our lessons by projecting them on her computer

Notes from Miss O'Rourke:

- I have placed the handwriting worksheet in today's Friday envelope. Please help your child practice his/her upper and lowercase letters, and numbers
- I encourage you to work with your children on printing their names. Make sure they begin with an uppercase and the rest of the name is lowercase. All letters should start at the top and be formed correctly. The top for most lowercase letters is about half way down from the very top where uppercase letters start. Please remind your child of how important it is to take their time when writing their name! - It's helpful to provide a model of what their name should look like as they practice. Thanks!
- Your children are doing a great job learning their Kindergarten Christmas song. Please help them practice the opening and closing song as well. Thanks!
- We really need some parent help during the AM time slot on Mondays from 8:15 to 9:00 am. If you are able to help out this coming Monday December 3, 2007 you can let me know on Monday morning. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

****A special thanks goes out to the parents that helped with our "Senior Lunch" it means a great deal!****

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

~Miss O'Rourke