

OSLS Kindergarten News



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Special Activities this Week:

- ★ completed the first week of five full days of kindergarten (M,T,W,Th, F) and they did pretty well.
- ★ praised God for making us His own in such a marvelous way. Not only did He create us physically, but He made us His own dear children through His Son Jesus. We are part of His family. A great book is: **God Knows Me!** (from Psalm 139). Another fun book is: **7 Days of Awesome: A Creation Tale**.
- ★ practiced drawing and decorating pictures of their bodies. Students are learning how to add the torso between the head and legs. God did not put our arms and legs on our head. Encourage your child to add more detail to his/her drawings at home as well. See our hall portraits.
- ★ started rotating tables for thematic center time. Each week students will have an art activity at the blue table, a sight word book at the green table, letter printing/journal writing/dictionary work at the red table, and a Math/Science activity at the yellow table. This week they sorted letters by straight lines/ circles/ and curves, by tall/short, tail/no tail, etc., completed a "Me Book" complete with height and weight measurements, practiced printing Mm, entered words beginning with m in a picture dictionary, wrote stories about "What is special about me?", practiced printing their names, and played a friendship memory match game that included matching names.....and much, much, more! You can see many of these activities in photos I post.
- ★ practiced many literacy skills during shared Reading time such as: rhyming, alliteration, phonemic awareness, word placement, left-to-right progression, correct handwriting, etc. They practiced printing letters Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, and Mm for our theme of "God made marvelous me".
- ★ had fun using more centers in the room. They are already doing a great job of starting to take care of the library by placing books into the correct genre or author box and to look for the binding as they orient books into the box.
- ★ used big books in our class library and learned book handling skills. This week the students learned that they will check out books in our school library soon.. Next week when you see a library book in your child's backpack, please return the book by the due date.
- ★ sorted names, environmental print and pictures on the ABC magnet wall. They also had fun using letters to make their names.
- ★ compared day and night in Science and how to take care of the bodies God made in Health. Students learned what can be the same or different in the day and night sky. We learned about our upper and lower brain and brain connections for control.
- ★ learned expectations for P.E. and the difference between personal space, general space and boundaries. We practiced jumping with two feet, hopping on one foot and balancing, along with many locomotor skills.
- ★ sorted attribute blocks by color, shape, size, and thickness. We also learned how to play some Math games that are part of our work station time.

Upcoming Events

- August 19 Please return Friday Folders with any forms still needed, the church and Sunday school form, along with the chapel pouch. Every day your child should have a regular folder to take home daily papers. Thanks!
Daily morning snacks should not be packed in the lunch box. Place them in the backpack. A tooth fairy bag or birthday bag will come home at special times. Please return them. Please send a paper plate for your child's lunch. Even though we clean the tables, I do not think it is wise for children to place their sandwiches directly on the table. Thanks!
- August 23 School Fundraiser ends - See Ram News or info. In your child's Friday Folder
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/FMfcgxwDqndCxtMFMCdJZwfmbcwqQzld>
- Sept. 2 Labor Day - No School
- Sept. 6 One hour late start-9:25a.m.
- Sept. 20 One hour late start-9:25a.m.
- Sept. 23 1 hour early dismissal at 2:20p.m. - parent teacher conferences for grades 1-8
EC classes and kindergarten will have parent teacher conferences on Nov. 18 and class for EC & Kindergarten will dismiss early at 1:30p.m. on Nov. 18 to allow time for conferences.

Keep watching this page on the kindergarten newsletter as well as the school calendar as dates and events will continue to be added. I will be scheduling a field trip to Anderson Orchard. I will let you know date soon.
<https://www.ourshepherd.org/school-events/>

Homework

Memory Work Each week there will be a verse from the Bible or a religious song that I will ask the students to recite for a grade. Although we may practice together in class, it is very important for parents to help the children learn the verse at home. Thanks for your help. The Memory Work homework grade is usually taken every Friday. I also list this under the homework section of the kindergarten website. You may access the kindergarten website by going to the kindergarten page of www.ourshepherd.org and click the teacher website link provided under the kindergarten section. Make sure you are on the school page for the school and under academics. You may also find a link to my website under my name on the staff page of our school website. The direct link to my website is:
<http://www.oslskindergarten.weebly.com>
Always click the "Homework" button to see the Memory Work and what books and words to save. I will always post what new words your child should practice reading. I will assess the first trimester words for a grade in November. Enter words each week into your child's word box. There are also some fun learning links for your child to use at home.

Memory Work for Friday, August 23 is: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Timothy 1:15

Books to Save: All About Me Rules Rap

Words to Save: a, can, I, me, my, the, God

Please review words regularly with your child. Thanks!

★ Practice left and right with your child (left hand, right hand as well as right side of a paper, or turn to the left, etc.) Also, please help your child learn to put on his/her shoes, socks, and clothing independently.

★ Review the letters Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee and Mm with your child.

Help him/her to recognize them out of order. Talk about their sounds. Practice printing them.