

OSLS Kindergarten News



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This week we:

★ learned how God not only created us, but is with us daily. They learned how special it is to be with Him in prayer, in church and in His Word. God's love is so great that after sin separated us, Jesus came to us and brought salvation.

★ wrote in their journals about a trip they took or would like to take.

★ practiced printing Tt and looked for words that start with t in the picture dictionary.

★ drew pictures of their teeth in their ABC journal and recorded the quantity lost.

★ listened to some books about transportation.

★ made a book called Go Up. This book helps students to learn the sight words "go" and "up" as well as some color words.

★ had fun singing the words in a book called Color Train which also helped them learn to read color words. We will continue to use this book in class next week as we point to the words and sing.

As we are using this book I noticed that a few children have difficulty turning one page at a time. Provide opportunities for your child to sit with you and read together. Help them learn to use the pointer and thumb to turn pages by the corner. Also I noticed that some students do not realize that the left page goes first and that words go from top to bottom, left to right. Read often together with your children at home. Watch as your child points to the words and tracks print.

★ made their own boats out of foil. They experimented with one to see how much cargo it

could hold before it sank. They had fun making a hypothesis about to predict what it would take to sink the boat. A worksheet gave them practice making tally marks to record their results.

★ made a book called I Can Travel. This predictable emergent reader book gave the students exposure to the sentence frame "I can travel..." It also helped them to think about different modes of transportation on land, sea, and in the air. They had fun being creative as they decorated the pages. They also had to learn to follow a model and think about the sequence and steps to follow in order to complete the book.

★ learned more about class rules through a book called Rules Rap. They also learned how the word "the" is used quite often. We highlighted "the" every time we found it. Students learned that you might see "the" inside other words like the word "together". But to be "the" there needs to be a space on each side of the word. It is an important concept to learn that words are separated by spaces. Have your child be a word detective. Look for different words in books from the library.

★ played a Bingo game to reinforce number concepts.

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 1 Half of the kindergarten class will check out books. Look in your child's backpack. Read the book with your child and return it by the next week. Your child may return it to me in the classroom or place it in the book return box located outside of our library. Half of the class will check out a book every other week. They will rotate with the other half of the class that works in the computer lab. Please do not forget to return books.
- Sept. 4 Labor Day - No School
- Sept. 8 Special Persons' Day (1:00-3:30)
The school office will be sending out forms to students in grades PK-8 soon. This event is intended for grandparents. But if a grandparent cannot attend, a parent or relative may attend in place of the grandparent(s). The forms coming from the office will allow us to determine how many "special people" are planning to attend this event.
- Sept. 18 Field trip to Anderson Orchard *Permission forms came home in the Friday Folders. This trip has been confirmed for Sept. 18. We will leave @8:45 and be back in time for lunch at school. Everyone that drives must have a current background check on file. Please give license and insurance information to the office at least one week before trip.
- Sept. 22 School Picture Day
- Sept. 28-29 No School (Professional Conference Days for Teachers)

Mark your calendars.

November 3rd is the date for the 24th Annual All Saints' Fest, the largest annual fundraiser for Our Shepherd Lutheran School. It is an evening for adults with fine food and fellowship, as well as silent and oral auctions. The event will be held at the Grand Hall at Westlake Gardens this year. Tickets go on sale in the church office Sept. 16th after the worship service. Please consider donating items to the auction (a list of suggested items is above). Our gift gathering will take place on Sept 16th and 17th between church services. Proceeds this year will be used for tuition assistance and a playground shade shelter for the students.

Homework

Please help your child memorize and be able to recite the verse from the Bible listed below:

Memory Work for Friday, September 1 is: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5.

Books to Save: Go Up! I Can Travel Rules Rap Color Train (This book will come home soon.)

First Trimester Words to Save: me, my, go, up, the, I, a, can, red, blue, yellow, green, purple, orange

Put these words on flash cards for your child. Play matching games, Bingo, etc.

Please review the words listed above regularly with your child. Thanks!

I will ask your child to read these words to me for an assessment. Keep practicing regularly and have your child look for these words in other books you have at home as well. If your child is able to read these words already, encourage your child to use these words in his/her writing. See if he/she can spell them.

★ Practice left and right with your child (right hand / left hand; as well as right side of a paper, or turn to the left, etc.) Help your child to learn that when you read, the left page always is read before the right page. See if your child can track print. Have him/her find the first word on the page, the last word, etc. How many words are in each sentence? Where is the end of the sentence? Take note of the periods, question marks, exclamation marks, etc. Watch your child track print, one word at a time - left to right, top to bottom.

Also, please help your child learn to put on his/her shoes and socks independently.

★ Review the letters Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff, Gg, Hh, Ii, Jj, and Mm & Tt with your child.

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

★ Help your child to hold a pencil correctly. Only the pointer finger should be on top of the pencil.