

OSLS Kindergarten News



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Special Activities this Week:

The students and teachers had an exciting first week of school!

We began learning how to print our first names correctly “the kindergarten way”. Absolutely no uppercase letters should be used unless the letter is the first letter in the name. The next few weeks, please help your child practice printing his/her name correctly using the handwriting tracer pages that will be sent home. You may also refer to the name cards that I gave on July 30.

It is important to learn the proper way to print a name. It starts with an uppercase letter followed by all lowercase letters. Tall letters touch the top line (headline) and short letters touch the midline. All letters rest on the bottom line (baseline), unless it is a letter with a tail. Tail letters extend below the baseline. Students should pull down from the top rather than push up from the bottom. Please watch to see if this is how your child is tracing his/her name and correct him/her as needed. On the first report card that will come out in November, I will assess to see if your child can print his/her name correctly on his/her own without a model. I will assess for all of the things I just mentioned, including the correct height of the letters. Next week we will also have fun exercising to some videos that help us learn which lowercase letters are “tall”, “small” or “fall” down below the baseline. Please do not refer to lowercase letters as little letters because that really is not completely accurate as 6-7 letters are tall. Use the terms uppercase and lowercase.

During Jesus Time we enjoyed learning about our loving God. One year when I asked the students why our God still loves us even though we sin, one child beautifully stated that it is because our God has a BIG love. That is so true. Our God is love and we are so blessed to be able to share His love each and every day. If you haven't seen the students pictures in the hallway yet, please come and see how each child drew something in a favorite color. We all were made in a unique way by God with different likes as well. Yet Jesus makes us His own together in His love. Jesus Time is the best part of each and every day at our school and we also get to talk about our loving God throughout the day in every subject. We had fun learning how God created the world and also had fun singing “All Things Bright and Beautiful”.

We learned a variety of new routines this week....everything is new! We learned how to use our toy shelves, calendar books, journals, mailboxes, supply baskets, pencil boxes, marker and glue stick caps (snap on), hall bathrooms and class bathrooms, mailbox line, recess line, drinking fountain line, etc. There will be much more to learn in the weeks to come. It was especially fun to rotate through our literacy centers. We learned how to use quiet group voices, work the whole time, ask a friend for help, and work together to clean up. Next week we learn more.

Through a variety of books, songs, video, and discussion the students learned about some classroom rules. We learned how to show you care about your friends and teachers. We learned polite words to use. We are learning to raise our hands when we talk. We learned that in order to listen, you need to not only hear the directions but think about what is said. It also helps to watch the teacher and what is being demonstrated. Listening and following directions are so crucial to success in school. At home, reinforce these skills by telling your child something once and expect your child to follow directions the first time. Direct them to give you eye contact and make sure you do the same. It is a lot to learn and we are really making good progress and getting better each day.

We worked on making the numerals 1-10 with our whole bodies using a special song and invisible markers.

Upcoming Events

August 12 Return Friday Folders and any school supplies your child may be missing (paint shirts). Please return the paper stating if your child attended church and Sunday School. At the end of the year our school recognizes those students with faithful worship attendance. The white zipper pouch is for your student to use for a chapel offering each Wednesday. I will save the white pouches for Wednesday and will have a helper put in our offering. Each Friday the school will send Ram News (school news) by email. Please read it as the kindergarten newsletter will not contain all of the same information. Next week, we will have a full week. Help your child get sleep. Don't forget to pack a lunch for your child. Please provide a paper plate, napkin, and silverware for your child. This helps your child to eat neatly, safely, and facilitates cleanup. Thanks. If your child orders from the school, these items are supplied. Your child may bring a small snack for 10:30 recess. It should not be packed in the lunchbox. Please place it in a small pocket in the backpack for easy retrieval. Thanks!

Dismissal for K is at 3:20 before grades 1-8 dismiss. Please park and meet us on the sidewalk. We have gym class on T & W. Please make sure your child wears appropriate shoes to run and play in the gym and with socks. Thanks! We also go outside every day. Please have your child wear appropriate shoes for running and climbing. Style is not what is important. Footwear that allows your child to exercise and play safely is what is most important. Even though women wear boots for style indoors, please do not send your little girl to school in boots. They are hot for the feet and many girls struggle walking in them. When boots are needed for snow outside, send an appropriate pair of shoes to wear inside. Snow boots will stay in a separate bag in the hallway. Thanks!

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 at:

<http://www.oslskindergarten.weebly.com>

Once I update the website, I will also put what new books to practice reading with your child. Save sight word books in your child's book box and have your child read them to you often. I will also 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 16 is: "I will be glad and exult in You." Psalm 9:2

Word(s) to Save: I, can, me

Book(s) to Save: I Love School

Reinforcing what your child learns in kindergarten is key to your child's success. Here are some things you can help your child with:

Help your child to print his/her name using an uppercase letter first, followed by all lowercase letters.

Give your child a set of directions one time without repeating it and expect your child to follow your request the first time. Follow with appropriate praise or consequences. Use logical consequences for negative behavior. Don't let negative behavior go without following through with logical consequences. Don't make threats that are impossible to keep. Have consistent rules with logical consequences. Discipline with love and forgiveness.