

# OSLS Kindergarten News



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## This week we:

- \* We continued to prepare hearts and minds for the salvation that only comes through Jesus our Savior. God has made a highway from His heart to ours. We were so glad to share the Good News with you on Wednesday during our Advent service. We praise the Lord for the great gift of eternal life and say together, "Come Lord Jesus". We praise God for the greatest Gift!
- \* We had activities for the theme "G is for gingerbread". We had quite an eventful week with the gingerbread girls and boys. After we baked our "gingerbread gifts" they seem to have run around the globe. We tried to determine if they had really gone to such places as Georgia, the Christmas market in Germany, the Grand Tetons, and Mount Rushmore to visit George Washington. Using these events we have learned quite a bit about geography and have used some creative problem solving skills and writing skills. Throughout the week students have been making stories to imagine what gingerbread boys and girls could do. Imagination is key to writing fiction stories and some students are starting to develop a sense of "plot". I have also noticed we have quite a number of future engineers. Some trap ideas were fantastic! It was great to see such creations! You will also have to come see some of their "lost" posters. On Friday, the students started designing catapults for the gingerbread and thinking how the first gingerbread could have been safe from the fox, if he could have just gotten across that river. We are wondering if the catapults would help get the fox as well. The students are learning quite about physical science in the process as they experiment with different ways to put a gingerbread or "snowball" (pom-pom) in motion.
- \* Centers this week included sorting gingerbread cookies. Students had to determine if a cookie was symmetrical or not. After that they tried their hand at drawing the other half of a gingerbread to make it symmetrical. That is not an easy task. Then they folded it on the line of symmetry and cut it out. It was fun to check their drawing to see if it was symmetrical. Following that, the students decorated their gingerbread cookies and ornaments to be symmetrical on both sides.
- \* Another center gave the students an opportunity to make word families using gingerbread houses. They experimented with different "onset" letters to put in front of the "rime" (word family ending) to make real words. They had to sort which ones were real words and which ones were nonsense. Then they practiced reading these to me. This was great practice for what will be a second trimester assessment. By February students will read consonant-vowel-consonant words to me. There will also be some nonsense words to help me determine if they are using phonics.
- \* They illustrated little gingerbread books with characters and put a twist on the ending. Then they were excited to decorate the covers and use dimensional fabric paint for the "frosting".
- \* They used objects to determine the height and area of a large gingerbread man. It was fun to compare their guesses to the results. They measured with little stars, Christmas trees, snowflakes, candy canes, and miniature gingerbread boys and girls.

# Upcoming Events

- Dec. 18-20 Students need to bring lunch. No lunches will be available to order from Avon School Corporation.
- Dec. 20 Christmas Party in Kindergarten - The Christmas party will take place right after chapel in the morning. \*\*\*\*Early dismissal\*\*\*\* 1:50p.m. for kindergarten (2:00 for grades 1-8)
- Dec. 21-Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK
- Jan. 3 School resumes.
- Jan. 15 No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 24 100th Day of School  
Wear a shirt that contains 100 pictures or things attached to it. Bring a gallon-sized Ziploc bag that contains 100 objects in it. All of the items should be the same, with the exception of color. (i.e. 100 race cars, 100 buttons, 100 chocolate kisses, 100 bows, etc.) Label bag with your child's name. It is fun for the students to dress up with 100 things on an item of clothing. The gallon-sized Ziploc that contains 100 items of like items is in addition to the decorated clothing that each child will wear. Please ask me if you have questions.

## Homework

There is no Memory Work for next week.

Books to Save: The Gingerbread Man      The Best Gift of All      Who Is This From?

First Trimester Words to Save: me, my, go, up, the, I, a, can, red, blue, yellow, green, purple, orange, an, at, black, brown, do, gray, is, like, pink, see, this, we, white, you, on, in, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, am, and, as, did, saw, that, have, it, in, yes, no, not, has, sees, look, was

Second Trimester Words to Save: are, to, need, here, went, now, come, with, what, Jesus, from, God, who, for

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.

