

OSLS Kindergarten News



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Dec. 21, 2018

This week:

- * We had a fun-filled with lots of fun celebrating Jesus' birthday! Thanks to everyone that helped with the Christmas party. The students were able to play a fun cup stacking game, play a snowman hangman word game, make a Christmas tree craft, and decorate a Christmas tree brownie to eat.
- * Thanks so much for the wonderful Christmas presents!!! That was so kind and very thoughtful of all of you! I especially want to thank you for the gift cards to Target from the class. I appreciate your kindness!
- * We worked on our literacy centers and some mini lessons which stressed short vowel sounds and CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words. The students will be tested on CVC words in January and February for the second trimester report card.

Some examples of CVC words are listed below:

<u>a</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>i</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>u</u>
bag	beg	big	bog	bug
man	hen	pig	pot	bud
hat	pen	pin	not	rug
fan	red	six	top	nut
sad	web	bib	cob	cup

Essentially, a CVC word is a word that follows the rules of phonics. It is a three letter word that contains a vowel in the middle that is trapped by a consonant on each side. Because the vowel is trapped between two consonants and has no other vowel to help, the vowel makes the short sound and follows the rules. I will also put some "nonsense" words on the test to see if your child is following basic phonetic decoding rules. Examples of those I call "Dr. Seuss words". They may be words such as: bal, bem, bif, boj, bup.

Please help your child to read these words over Christmas vacation and keep working together throughout January. I will also have your child produce for me each short vowel sound in isolation. If you have any questions about this skill, please do not hesitate to ask. There is no specific word list that I give out for the CVC test as that would defeat the purpose of the assessment. I am checking phonetic decoding skills for this test and do not want the words memorized as a sight word, although some super readers already will have them memorized. That is the reason for the nonsense words.

Upcoming Events

If your child uses extended care at OSLS, please sign up in advance:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0949a8ac2da4f58-december>

Please fill out reenrollment papers for next year. Information was sent to all families. Follow the instructions to complete it online. I have copied information on the third page of this newsletter. You can also find it in the Ram News for today.

Dec. 22-Jan. 6 No School - Christmas Break

Jan. 7 School resumes - There is no hot lunch from Avon today. Please send a lunch.

Jan. 21 MLK Day - No School

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.

Jan. 27 Kindergarten sings in church at the 10:30a.m. service.
Please save this date and mark your calendars. Thanks!

Homework

Memory Work for Friday, January 11 is: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19

Books to Save: 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, 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: are, to, need, here, come, you, for, went, now, with, what, Jesus, be, from, God, of, who

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, Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn, Oo, Pp, Qq, Rr, Ss, Tt, Uu, Vv, Ww, Xx, Yy, and Zz 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.

Re-Enrollment

NOW OPEN for 2019-2020
for currently enrolled families



- 1) Log into your ParentsWeb Account
- 2) Click the apply/enroll tab to the left
- 3) Click the re-enrollment link
- 4) Start the enrollment packet

The re-enrollment fee is \$125/child* until March 22, 2019. It increases to \$150 per child on March 23, 2019.

*Fee for CHOICE scholarship students is absorbed by the scholarship.

NOTE: New Enrollment for community members will open on January 7th, 2019. **We expect our Kindergarten class to be at capacity** with returning students. We encourage currently enrolled families to complete their re-enrollment so that you have a spot in Kindergarten.