

OSLS Kindergarten News



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Special Activities this Week:

We continue to have fun preparing for Jesus' birthday. Much time was spent discussing how God kept His promise to send a Savior. Simeon and Anna rejoiced when their eyes saw the salvation of the Lord and when their ears heard it. We too should rejoice that God always keeps His promises and we have the hope of eternal life in heaven. It doesn't get any better than that!

This week we spent time preparing for our Christmas program which will be Monday night on Dec. 16. Please bring your child to the gym by no later than 6:15p.m. We can't wait to share God's love with you and praise Him for the Greatest Gift of all!

We worked on comparing Gg and Jj this week. The kids learned that at times they make the same sound and some words will begin with a g and others with a j. It was interesting that Gg gets an additional sound, but Jj does not usually get an additional sound in English. We practiced printing these letters. In our ABC journals the kids compared their growth between age 1 and age 5-6. They also wrote about what job they would like to have when they grow up. The kids have big plans and one student is not just planning to be our president, he says he will be our president some day. By the way, if that happens Mrs. Burris and I have been invited to the White House. We are excited!

We began activities for the theme "G is for gingerbread". It was quite an eventful Friday with the gingerbread theme. After we baked our "gingerbread gifts" they seem to have begun to run around the globe. We tried to determine if they had really gone to such places as Georgia and the Georgia Aquarium. The "adventure" will continue next week. I will be using these events to help everyone learn a bit about geography and students will use some creative problem solving skills and writing skills. Throughout the day on Friday the students were trying to come up with solutions about the missing gingerbread. Next week they will be making stories and puppet plays 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". We look forward to continuing this fun theme. Mrs. Zwettler, a previous EC assistant, even called our class to give an update about the gingerbread. She lives in the Atlanta area and promised to look out for the missing gingerbread and will mail them back when she gets them.

* 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

- Dec. 16 School Christmas Program - Please bring your child to the gym by 6:15p.m. Kindergarten will be singing a song and part of it will be in German.
- Dec. 20 One hour late start
- Kindergarten class Christmas party—Parents hosting the party have been contacted. We need one family for each of the following: table game, floor game, craft, & snack Please plan the activities and let Mrs. Cronauer by Monday. Thanks!
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3 No School - Christmas Break
- Jan. 6 School resumes.
- Jan. 17 One hour late start
- Jan. 20 No School
- Jan. 26 Kindergarten and Early Childhood sing in church at the 10:30a.m. traditional service.

Keep watching this page on the kindergarten newsletter as well as the school calendar as dates and events will continue to be added.

Homework

Memory Work: There will not be any Memory Work for Friday, December 20.

Books to Save: Gingerbread Man

1st Tri. Words: a, can, I, me, my, the, God, go, up, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, black, white, brown, pink, tan, gray, an, at, do, eight, five, four, in, is, it, like, nine, on, one, see, seven, six, ten, this, three, two, we, am, and, as, did, saw, that, have, yes, no, not, has, sees, was, look

2nd Tri. Words: Jesus, are, need, God, for, now, went, here, to, come, you, with, what, be, from, of

Please help your child learn to put on a coat independently and know how to zip and fasten it. Also, please help your child learn to put on shoes without assistance and also help your child learn to tie his/her shoes independently.

If we have snow and an air temperature that does not have a windchill in the teens or lower, we will go outside if children are dressed appropriately. You may send boots & snow pants so your child may play in the snow. Your child does not have to leave these at school. They can bring them home so you do not have to purchase an additional set for home. Please send a bag for your child to carry/store these items so it can be placed on their hook. Thanks! Also, wearing snow boots all day are hot and uncomfortable. Please send other shoes to change into on snowy days. Also, anklets seem to come off in the boot. Longer socks work better.