

OSLS Kindergarten News



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Special Activities this Week:

- * made Advent chains to help the children count the days until the birthday of Jesus. Each night after you pray together, your child may sing the song on the star with you. It goes to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star". The last ring will be removed on Christmas Eve. Some of the children told me that they do not say any prayers at home before bedtime. Here is a prayer that you can pray together with your child each night: "Jesus Savior wash away all that has been wrong today. Help me every day to be...good and gentle more like Thee." If you need any more prayer ideas, I would be more than happy to help. Prayer is such a blessing to the Christian life. It is the way we communicate with our Savior. He hears us and gives us strength.
- * also learned the symbolism associated with the candy cane. Have your child tell you how the candy cane reminds us of Jesus. The students made their own candy canes out of pipe cleaners to hang on your tree at home. We had fun learning about how this candy reminds us of Jesus and as we read a special book called The Candymaker's Gift.
- * made paintings of Jesus in a manger. It was especially fun to use the glitter paint. These are hanging in the hallway outside of our classroom to the right of our door. Come take a look at the students' beautiful paintings.
- * made a book called Christmas Is Coming to not only review some of our sight words, but to also help you think about all of the decorations and items we have around us that make us think about the Gift of our Savior. Talk about these things with your child. This book will come home next week.
- * During literacy centers the students practiced reading letters with fluency. Then they placed snowballs on Christmas trees as they broke words into the sounds that can be heard. At another center students sorted words by word families. They also matched words to their configuration and then wrote a sentence using one of the words. After putting other words together to make sentences they composed "healthy sentences". The treatment plan to compose healthy sentences consisted of starting with an uppercase letter, ending with punctuation, leaving spaces, printing neatly and drawing a picture to match the sentence. We also sorted pictures and text by nonfiction and fiction. In addition to all of these skills the students are learning the sounds of /ch/, /sh/, and /th/. They sorted pictures that began with these sounds.
- * We began a unit on subtraction. We took away balloon manipulatives and figured out what part remained. When your child brings home these Math papers discuss the activities with your child. Students do well when there is a strong home/school connection.
- * Also, we had fun using candy canes to measure length. Later we used candy canes with our balance scales to see what objects are heavier or lighter than the candy canes.
- * We also learned the strategy of using a numberline to solve addition problems. Please play board games with your child. See if your child can move the correct number of spaces rolled without counting the spot that their marker is on. Some kids are moving one less space than rolled.
- * The students learned how to print Cc and wrote some words that start with c in a picture dictionary. Later the students wrote stories in their journals. They are trying to plan the setting and characters first. Then they are encouraged to write stories that have a beginning, middle and ending. We are also trying to start sentences with transition words such as first, next, then, last, finally, etc.

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 13 PTL Family Movie Night 6:00pm
- Dec. 16 School Christmas Program - 6:30pm Please mark your calendars. 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 know plans the week before. 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 for Friday, December 13 is: "Not one word of all the good promises that the Lord had made...had failed." Joshua 21:45

Books to Save: Christmas Is Coming

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

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.