Special Activities this Week:
During Jesus Time we learned how Jesus forgives our sins and heals our diseases. God is great! We enjoyed reading the book and watching the video of *Through the Roof* and shared how Jesus healed the paralyzed man.

- We continued to learn about two of our most famous presidents: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. There were some fun books to share including *If I Were a President*. We watched some interesting videos about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. After getting ideas from books, we wrote about what we would do if we were ever to become presidents.

* A presidential silhouette was also made of each student to go with their “job descriptions”. See if you can identify any possible future presidents. Money is also a great topic to coordinate with presidents because there are many famous presidents pictured on money. Students need to be able to identify the faces of Lincoln, Jefferson, Roosevelt, and Washington and correlate them with the penny, nickel, dime, and quarter. Students continue to use their own jumbo-sized coin collections to manipulate during a song which emphasizes the names, pictures, and quantities of these coins. The collections will stay at school for awhile to use during our song. Please work with your child to learn the names of these coins and their values.

* Another sight word book called *My Piggy Bank* was added to review the number words 6-10 and introduce the word zero.

- I did not take as many photos this week as much time was spent giving end of the trimester assessments.

- Mini lessons during literacy center time introduced the concept of writing a research piece. The children learned how to pick a topic, find resources, collect information, and write their piece. They used picture dictionaries to come up with ideas of things they wanted to learn more about. Then they narrowed it down to one topic as they chose resources. They had fun looking for new information that they could share in their writing. They used an app called Epic to search for books on their topics. Then we used a special pages to organize the information that was found. They sketched pictures of things that they learned and put labels on their pictures. These sketches and labels will then be used to help compose sentences for their writing. This week the students learned to work together as partners and they were excited about the things that they researched as they shared their research writing with others. Learning how to write a nonfiction piece is a state standard in kindergarten.
Homework

Memory Work for Friday, Feb. 28 is: “He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7

Books to Save:  My Piggy Bank

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, all, who, there, give, many, love, if, would, wear, where, put, will, but, so, does, came, how, find, they, he, want, your, she, when, into, out, home, soon, could

3rd Tri. Words:  stop, by, say, think, zero, make, play

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.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 24  PTL meal prep/tupperware event - 6 p.m.
Feb. 28  Report cards go home.
March 4  Muffins with Mom at 7:45a.m.
March 6  One hour late start
March 9  PTL meeting at 6:30p.m.
March 11 Spring Pictures Taken
March 17 St. Patrick’s Day - Wear green for fun!
March 20 One hour late start
March 23-27 No School - Spring Break
March 30 School resumes.
April 3  One hour late start
April 3  OLSL PTL Walkathon - 12:15-3:00p.m.
April 10 Good Friday - Early Dismissal for kindergarten at 1:20p.m.
April 13 No School - Easter Monday