

OSLS Kindergarten News



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Special Activities this Week:

We began a new year! We talked about how some families in Germany will dress up as the Magi and one person carries a long stick with a star at the top. They go from house to house and sing. It is a good reminder to know that God blesses our time on Earth and that He is in control of each new year. May we let His light shine each and every day as we follow Him! We also learned how Jesus went to the temple as a boy and shared God's Word with the leaders in the church. It is important for us to study God's Word as well and we are blessed through His Word. God strengthens our faith.

* We continue to work hard on our song that we will sing on Sunday, Jan. 26 at the 10:30a.m. service. They are wonderful little disciples that are so excited to share God's love with you and others in church that Sunday. I hope that everyone is able to make it. The students will be singing "Jesus Loves Me" and one of the verses will be in German.

This week we all had fun celebrating the new year of 2020. It was fun to listen to the story **Happy New Year, Pooh!** and then compare the old calendar to the new calendar. We were busy all week working on new 2020 calendars for you to use. Students decorated the page for each month and printed the numerals for the days. Making this calendar helps them practice printing the numbers 1-31 which is a skill tested on their report card. Please help your child practice this at home. The goal for the second trimester is to be able to print 1-20 without looking at a model. By May all kindergarteners should be able to print 1-31 without a model to look at and copy.

During thematic time they also read books with a number of plans for the new year. We discussed resolutions that people make for the new year and goals that would be good to have. Students learned to make a list with these goals. Then the students printed their new year plans and they are displayed with new year hats that they designed. You will have to look in the hall next week to see how kindergarten is looking ahead in 2020. Y was a perfect letter as we celebrated the new year. We will continue to reinforce its sound as a few students confused the sound of w with y.

In Math the students are finding patterns on hundred charts. We counted to 100 by ones, twos, fives and tens. We noticed that the tens' column is used when you count by ones, twos, fives and tens. Our number system is based upon ten as well. Next week we will continue to look at hundreds' charts and we will also discuss odd and even numbers.

♦ Everyone enjoyed a variety of Science and Math activities which involved a variety of measurement activities. We are exploring weight, length, area, and volume. It was fun to observe how the same amount of water looks different in a variety of containers. We also had fun taking a small rug to other rugs to estimate the area and compare.

Throughout the week the students have been learning that when you write, it is important to pick a topic and have a writing plan. The students chose topics they love, know a lot about, or can do. Then they each picked a topic that they felt they could tell 3 things about. After that they drew 3 sketches in a little book to show details about the topic. Next they labeled the pictures. The next step is to then print sentences to go with these sketches. This process will help the young writers stick with the topic. For some this is quite difficult to stay on topic. Take time in your family to have conversations that stay on topic. If your child starts talking about something else before the discussion is over, help him or her to refocus back to the topic. This is a very important life skill as well.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 13 Chick-Fil-A Dine Out Fundraiser to help OSLS
Jan. 17 One hour late start
Jan. 20 No School

Jan. 21 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.

Also, please have your child bring an extra shirt to school. We will save the 100 shirts for a display in the gym. Your child will wear the extra shirt home. The 100th day shirts will be on display in the gym for our Special Persons' Day. After that event, the students will be able to take the 100th day shirts home. Thanks for your help.

You may find ideas for shirts by looking on the internet. I also still have photos of 100th day shirts posted on the kindergarten website from the last couple of years. You may type 100th Day in the search box on my site.

Here is also a link: <https://oslskindergarten.weebly.com/oslskindergarten/the-100th-day-of-kindergarten9874910>

Jan. 26 **Kindergarten and EC sing in church at the 10:30a.m. traditional service.**
We will sing Jesus Loves Me in English and then a verse in German.
We sure hope you can join us!

Jan. 27-31 **National Lutheran Schools' Week**

Please watch for special ways for your child to dress each day of this week.

Go to this link for more information:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/916d5fd491a9a10ce10d229f4/files/7abf6637-ad22-495d-a8de-93196903c68b/New_LSW_Flyer_2020.pdf

Jan. 31 **Special Persons' Day**— Each child may bring 1 or 2 guests. Sign up at this link before Jan. 24: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfX2KiFZjMLnPuSoiOywvi1XzgfzrZSNbhOct58LVAssYrCQA/viewform>

Homework

Memory Work for Friday, January 17 is: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19

Books to Save: My Happy New Year Plans We Can Give

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

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.