

# OSLS Kindergarten News



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## This week:

★ We focused on the passion of our Lord. The students started to learn about some of the events during Holy Week. We began by learning about the events of Palm Sunday and how the children sang praises to God. The students learned a song called "Ho, Ho, Ho, Hosanna" and we sang it as we marched in a parade with palm branches that they made out of paper. We also had a great time making a mini puppet show of the Palm Sunday parade and adding our own palm branches, clothing, people, etc. We imagined what it would have been like to be there. We worked on special books that contain events during Holy Week. It is wonderful that we can focus on these events in our Lutheran School. Public school children are not able to do the same. As the students worked on their books, one helpful resource was a book by Children's Bible Classics called **The Story of the First Easter**. It contains wonderful illustrations.

★ The students had fun listening to a book about St. Patrick. We learned how the shamrock has been used to help understand the Trinity. A shamrock has one stem and three leaflets. Our God is three in one...God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We can never fully understand the nature of our God. We thank God for missionaries, like St. Patrick, that spread the news of our Savior.

★ They had fun pretending to be leprechauns, eating a special "rainbow and gold", playing games, etc. It was fun to make leprechaun masks and shamrock wands.

★ Some of our thematic centers this week revolved the rain forest, rain and rainbows. They chose characters for their stories using special rain forest animal pictures and wrote about some problem in the rain forest. They also entered words that began with r in picture dictionaries and practiced the correct formation of Rr on handwriting pages. We worked quite a bit to pronounce /r/ like /r/ and not like /w/. We don't want rabbit or rain to sound like "wabbit" or "wain".

★ They listened to a variety of "rain forest, rain and rainbow themed" books. They also used their creativity to add lines to a popular jump rope rhyme **Rain on the Green Grass**.

★ To provide additional addition practice the students played a "Rainbow Math" game. They rolled 2 dice and then added the dots together to find a sum. Then they entered each combination onto a recording sheet and colored the corresponding rainbow sections. They tried to be the first one at the table to finish coloring the rainbow. They soon found out that some sums do not have many combinations and are trickier to roll. The only way to get the sum of 2 was 1 + 1 and roll what we called "snake eyes". They learned that you had to roll 2 sixes to get the sum of 12. Other sums were easier to complete as there were a variety of combinations. There was a lot of learning packed into a simple game. Have fun trying this at home and see what other combinations you may get for 3-10 and compare your number sentences. See who gets to the end of the rainbow first!

★ They had fun placing animals into the correct layers of the rain forest. It was fun to read a variety of books about the layers of the rain forest. What a variety of life exists in it! See if you can use the animal pieces and put them into the correct parts of the rain forest.

# Upcoming Events

March 19-23 Spring Break - No School

March 26-30 BRING LUNCHES - STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ORDER.

During Holy Week you are welcome to come join us for worship. We have the following services:

Maundy Thursday-6:30p.m. Good Friday-TreOre Service - noon-3:00p.m. and at 6:30 p.m.

**March 30 Good Friday - Early Dismissal - Kindergarten will dismiss at 1:50p.m.**

**April 1 You are welcome to join us for Easter services held at: 8:00, 10:30, or 10:45a.m.**

April 2 Easter Party in kindergarten - 2:00p.m.

April 19 Kindergarten Roundup for incoming kindergarten students for the 2018-2019 year  
9:00-10:30a.m. Current students will still come to kindergarten as usual.

April 29 Kindergarten sings with PreK at the 10:30 a.m. service.

May 18 Kindergarten Authors' Tea - 9:00a.m. in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in the gym  
There will be a photo slideshow prior to 9:00 in the sanctuary. The reception usually ends around  
10:30a.m.

## Homework

Memory Work for March 30 is: "Christ died for our sins." 1 Corinthians 15:3

**Books to Save:** Rain on the Green Grass      The Greedy Python      The Rain Forest      Day and Night in the Jungle

**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 to Save:** are, to, need, here, went, now, come, with, what, Jesus, from, God, who, for, you, how, give, there, love, if, would, wear, where, put, all, will, but, of, so, many, does, he, she, they, find, came, when, into, out, home, your, be, want, soon, could

**Third Trimester Words to Save:** think, zero, them, then, play, make, say, said, new, good, ate, were, some, over, her, his, grow, blow, by, sky, way, only, read, down, fly, flies, high, away, must, these, take, walk, stop, any, didn't, don't, it's, day, night, please, eat, rain

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.

Please read the Ram News that is sent from the school office every Friday. There is important information that pertains to the whole school. Thanks! If you are not receiving the Ram News, please contact the school office.