

OSLS Kindergarten News



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This week:

★ This week we learned that Jesus takes our sins away so we don't have to be punished. It is wonderful that God loved us enough to give us a Savior so that we could be saved from sin and its eternal consequences. We could never make things right on our own. We needed someone to take the punishment for us and Jesus took our place. Since God forgave our sins through Christ's death on the cross and because He rose again, we can be certain we are going to live with Him in heaven some day! Thanks be to God that forgiveness and heaven is ours!

★ The students had fun making some pond pictures using a combination of chalk and paint. We don't have rain forests in Indiana, but pond life in our state has quite a variety of both plants and animals. Students had fun choosing where their frog would go in the pond and making a number of dragonflies over the frog's head. They surrounded the frog by pond grasses and lily pads. These pictures are up in the hallway for display.

★ Also they made a number of new sight word books that went with our rain forest theme. One is called Day and Night in the Jungle, while another is called The Greedy Python. They also made a third book called The Rain Forest. These books help the students to practice a variety of both new and old sight words. Please refer to the homework section of this newsletter and add them to your child's sight word box in order to prepare for the final sight word test coming up in May.

★ On Thursday, we had a special reader come into our room from a group called Men in Action. Adam Dubree from our church was able to read a special book called The Invisible Boy. After reading the book we discussed how we can be kind friends to one another and how to be conscientious to see if there may be someone that needs a friend.. The book was then presented to our class as a special gift.

★ We explored the topic of bread as we prepared to research more about it. Students first made a list of things we already know about bread. Then they helped compose questions about what we would like to learn about bread. After that we gathered information to answer some of our questions about bread. Going through the process of discussing what you already know, what you want to learn or have questions about, and what you learned is an important aspect of learning and future research. The students use this model and many have been researching on their own during free choice time. I saw students researching about Germany, Greece, and rocks this week. Some were even recording what they learned on their own. It is exciting for me to see the kids take this initiative on their own and to see their curiosity spark future research, investigation, and learning. This is a great group of kids!

★ It was also fun to learn how to voice our opinions. The students made a list of items that could be compared. Then each student chose a pair of items and wrote a reason why he/she thought one was better than the other. It is an important skill to differentiate fact from opinion. Equally important is the development of reasoning skills. Students learned that they could not state the reason a particular item was better was because it was their favorite or that they liked it better. They had to give specific reasons why they thought theirs was better.

★ Students worked hard on story problems in Math this week. They also had to print the corresponding equation that was used to solve the problem. We played some games and acted out some of the story problems. They learned that when you are subtracting items you should not end up with a larger number than what you started with. Some had to see this a number of times in a variety of different ways. We will continue working on this after Spring break as well. Also we are working on fluency as we try to quickly add and subtract. It is good to have some basic facts memorized. There are a variety of great learning videos to help with this as well.

★ Finally a number of students finished their first stories to display at the book tables for the annual kindergarten Authors' Tea. They are very excited. They are learning to plan a plot with a main character that has a problem. Then they make the problem get bigger or have different issues before there is a solution. It is a challenge to think of a variety of things the characters could do before a solution is reached. Imagination and creativity are being encouraged.

Upcoming Events

If your child uses extended care at OSLS, please sign up in advance.

Please fill out reenrollment papers for next year. Information was sent to all families. Follow the instructions to complete it online. I have copied information on the third page of this newsletter. You can also find it in the Ram News for this week. Enrollment fees increase on March 23, so please do not delay.

March 25-29 Spring Break - No School

April 1-5 School resumes - Please send a lunch with your child. There will not be any lunch from Avon.

April 23 Easter party in kindergarten - 2:00 Parents hosting the party are: Borcharding, Janicijevic, Koehler, and Anderson-Wust

April 28 Kindergarten sings at the 10:30 a.m. service. Please mark your calendar so you will not miss it.



THIS IS RESERVED PARKING: Please refrain from parking in these two spots anytime during the school day.

During our annual All Saints' Fest Auction, two premium parking spots are auctioned off to our high bidders. This is typically a highly sought after item and bidders pay a premium for this privilege. For the next year, the Koehler and Tucker families have the use of parking in these spots.

While these spots are not always in use, we ask that the rest of our families refrain from parking in these spots so that they remain available when these families arrive during the day. We hope that the demand for these spots helps raise even more funds for our school in the 2019 auction!

Homework

Memory Work for Friday, April 5 is: "The Lord has risen!" Luke 24:34

Books to Save: The Rain Forest Day and Night in the Jungle The Greedy Python

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

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

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.

Also, please help your child learn to put on his/her shoes and socks independently. Help your child learn to tie his/her shoes.

- ◆ **If your child does not know how to print O-20 independently without looking at a model, please help your child.**
- ◆ **Please help your child to read any 3 letter word (consonant-vowel-consonant) that follows rules of Phonics.**

Re-Enrollment

NOW OPEN for 2019-2020
for currently enrolled families



- 1) Log into your ParentsWeb Account
- 2) Click the apply/enroll tab to the left
- 3) Click the re-enrollment link
- 4) Start the enrollment packet

The re-enrollment fee is \$125/child* until March 22, 2019. It increases to \$150 per child on March 23, 2019.

*Fee for CHOICE scholarship students is absorbed by the scholarship.

NOTE: New Enrollment for community members will open on January 7th, 2019. **We expect our Kindergarten class to be at capacity** with returning students. We encourage currently enrolled families to complete their re-enrollment so that you have a spot in Kindergarten.