OSLS Kindergarten News







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This week:

- * The students had a "dino"mite week! Along with our regular activities for Jesus Time, it was emphasized that every living thing was created by God. That would include the dinosaurs. It is amazing how many books do not acknowledge the Lord's creative power. I hope that if there is only one thing that the students learned this week, it would be that in the beginning God made all things. There are many unanswered questions about these creatures and someday we will be able to ask our Lord in heaven.
- * We worked on their spatial awareness and attention to lines and curves as they drew dinosaurs. Then we renamed the dinosaurs as we substituted each student's first name for the first part of a dinosaur word. They had fun using watercolors to create a colorful design on their drawings.
- * They pretended to be paleontologists. They learned that paleontologists take measurements of bones and make drawings. Then the students learned to use a ruler to make drawings of bones that were so many inches long.
- * It was fun to watch the students explore fossils with magnifying glasses.
- They made a number of dinosaur books and stories. What an imagination they have!
- on Friday we had fun celebrating Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss. The students had fun learning more about Dr. Seuss through a special newspaper and video. They all had fun making special hats like <u>The Cat in the Hat</u>. I bought a special collection of 55 Dr. Seuss books for our class iPads and the students enjoyed exploring the books. We used a number of manipulatives to help us learn about rhyming words. They especially had fun making words rhyme by using a little shark to "chomp" off the first sound (onset) and replace it with another sound. It will also be fun to make lists of rhyming words on new Dr. Seuss dry erase boards that I purchased for the class. I shared the book <u>On Beyond Zebra!</u> with the class. In this book, Dr. Seuss invented extra letters that could go in our alphabet after the letter Z. Next week the students will design their own "invented" letters when they are finished with literacy centers. They can use the Dr. Seuss dry erase boards. To go with these letters the students will write names for their letters and little descriptions using a variety of real and nonsense rhyming words in the fashion of Dr. Seuss.

Upcoming Events

March 2 Report cards are in the Friday Folders.

Return coin purses from Guatemala. They will be used each week in place of our brown chapel offering envelopes. See the description in the email.

March 5-9 Kindergarten sponsors Mrs. Lipsey. Please read below and if you would like to donate, send it sometime this week. Thanks and please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Mrs. Lipsey has been a beacon of Jesus' love here at Our Shepherd for many years. Many of the students and families, past and present, have been blessed by the loving care of Mrs. Lipsey. Mrs. Lipsey has been diagnosed with cancer in multiple areas of her body. We, as the body of Christ, want to help, support, and love her in this time of need. Each week, a class will "sponsor" Mrs. Lipsey and shower her with cards, donations, and any other gifts. Donations will be collected throughout each class' week and delivered to Mrs. Lipsey on the Friday of the designated week. These donations and gifts will help assist Mrs. Lipsey with medical bills and other pressing needs. Please keep Mrs. Lipsey in your prayers. Continue to pray that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus, especially during this time.

March 7 Bring in some canned goods or dry non-perishable food to help the food pantry and share God's love with others.

Homework

Memory Work for March 9 is: "Blessed....are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" Luke 11:28

Books to Save: If I Were a Dinosaur

<u>First Trimester Words to Save:</u> 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

<u>Second Trimester Words to Save:</u> 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

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.