**Special Activities this Week:**

★ This week we learned how Mary spent time listening and learning from Jesus. We learned that sometimes we are like Mary and we are distracted by other things. We do not spend time listening and learning from God’s Word. God’s Word brings us life and rest. Take time with your family this weekend to be with the Lord in His Word. It is a blessing!

★ 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. They 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.

★ Students wrote about a person, place, or thing that they researched. They did a great job! We will share these at our Authors’ Tea and I also shared them on your Seesaw Family app. Some students researched: presidents, pandas, monster trucks, airplanes, Himalayan cats, butterflies, etc. After the students wrote down 3-5 facts about the topic that they researched, they used an app called ChatterPix Kids to make a photo of their topic “talk” to share their research. They turned out well. We hope you enjoy seeing these on the Seesaw Family app.

★ Students continue to learn about place value. They worked to “build” numbers by showing sets of tens and so many ones. There used pipe cleaners that had 10 beads on each, along with single beads. They would spin a spinner to show sets of ten and then another spinner to show extra ones. After they wrote the number, they practiced “counting on” by writing the next 3 numbers.
Homework

Memory Work for Friday, March 13 is: “Sing to the Lord a new song.” Psalm 98:1

Books to Save:  Rain on the Green Grass  A Desert Cactus

Please help your child to learn these new words for the third trimester. We will continue next week reading these words and learning to remember them. I will keep adding more words each week. Please add them to your child’s word box.

3rd Tri. Words: stop, by, say, think, zero, make, play, them, then, said, new, good, ate, were, grow, blow, some, over, her, his, must, rain

Many students are able to read all of the words below. If your child did not master these words, please refer to your child’s report card to see which words your child still needs to learn. I will continue to check if your child has learned these important words. Thanks for your help at home! It makes a big difference.

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

Upcoming Events

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  OLS - 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
April 14  Kindergarten Roundup
April 17  One hour late start
May 1  One hour late start
May 5  ELeaning Day - No School - Assignments for Kindergarten will be on the Seesaw Class app.
May 11  PTL Meeting - 6:30p.m.
May 14  Set up for Authors’ Tea (Please let Mrs. Cronauer know if you can help set up the gym.)
May 15  Authors' Tea - School begins at 9:25am. and students will begin presenting stories at 9:45a.m.