

# OSLS Kindergarten News



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## This week:

★ During Jesus Time the students studied how Mary listened to Jesus while Martha was upset that Mary was not helping her. Jesus gently explained to Martha that it is more important to listen to His Word. Through God's Word He blesses us with life and rest. In today's world, we have to admit that we sometimes don't want to study God's Word and be close to Jesus. We get distracted with many things in our lives that often take priority over spending time with Jesus. Not only are we blessed eternally through His Word, but we also are given happiness and peace. May you find joy and peace as you spend time with Jesus this weekend in worship and in your personal devotions.

★ The students had fun with kite thematic centers. They were able to make a kite. They learned to use a ruler and measure where the paper needed to be folded and how to use a ruler as a straight edge to connect measurements. The best part was when we got to fly the kites. It was gusty and cold this week. We hope to get some nice days next week to fly them before spring break and then we will send them home.

We hope spring break brings you some gentle breezes so that the kindergarteners may enjoy flying their kites with you at home. They do fly pretty well with the right kind of wind. Have fun! In years past, I have even had some kids take their kites to Florida to fly on the beach. That is a great place to fly a kite!

★ They also made pinwheels to see the spinning motion caused by wind and we talked about wind energy. This was a fascinating project for them and they learned where the pinwheel needed the "wind" to push it into motion. It is amazing what students can learn through experimentation!

★ It was also fun to make some paper helicopters and watch them spin and twirl. We even made two sizes and tried to predict which one would land first. Many times the small one landed just a bit before the big one. Why is that? Did it get more lift with bigger wings? We will have to research it some more. We compared these helicopters to maple seed spinners. Those are a lot of fun to toss into the air as well.

★ We watched some wonderful videos to help us learn about wind and what it can do. We learned that wind is moving air and that it is invisible. We only see what it moves. The video also explained how warm air rises and that near a beach the cool air will rush in below creating that nice breeze. The video also showed the difference between a breeze and a gust. Finally they learned how the wind can be helpful in many ways and in other ways very harmful.

★ Students played a game to build numbers using sets of ten and ones. Then also "counted on".

★ They sorted long a and short a words, sorted words by the number of syllables, played a game to make real and non-sense words, sorted noun and verb picture cards, and made sentences to match.

★ The students made books called If I Were a Kite... to encourage students to use their imagination to write about what it would really be like to be a kite. As they shared their stories with each other, it was fun to listen to their destination choices and what they would see.

★ They used their creativity to draw diamond kite shapes and decorate the sections with a variety of designs. I encouraged a variety of lines, colors and patterns. These kites were put on paper that had been painted with blue. It was fun for them to use a tissue to lift off some of the paint to create clouds. The final touches were added as they drew strings and glued on triangle bows.

★ Students wrote about a person, place, or thing that they researched. They did a great job! We will share these in class next week and then send them home for you to see them. Some students researched: George Washington, tractors, trains, Maria Tallchief, gardens, farms, magnets, etc.

## Upcoming Events

- March 10 Meet, See, & Experience OSLS - Come visit first grade or other classrooms from 3:00-6:00p.m.
- March 14 Lifetouch Spring Photos
- March 16 Students can wear green for fun.
- March 19-23 Spring Break - No School
- March 30 Good Friday - Early Dismissal - Kindergarten will dismiss at 1:50p.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 16 is: "Sing to the Lord a new song." Psalm 98:1

**Books to Save:** If I Were a Kite      Way Down South      What Flies?      The Wind Blows

**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.

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.