

# OSLS Kindergarten News



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## This week we:

★ learned how the children of Israel quickly forgot about the one true God. While Moses was on a mountain talking to the Lord they bowed down in worship to a golden calf. We too often put other things in our lives in front of God. Thankfully the Lord still forgives us like He did for the children of Israel. May we, out of thanks for His saving love, live as His people in all that we say and do.

★ had fun classifying leaves by different attributes. Thanks for helping your child to search for leaves over fall break. We looked at leaves that were slender, jagged, smooth, simple, etc.

★ enjoyed a variety of wonderful books which helped us to identify leaves and learn the function of leaves. See if your child remembers that leaves make food for the tree. Some books you may enjoy reading with your child are: **Autumn Leaves**, **I Am a Leaf**, and **A Tree for all Seasons**. There were many other great books for leaf identification. We used our leaf collections to sort our leaves by different attributes such as: wide, narrow, smooth or jagged edges, shiny or dull, simple shapes or compound, etc. The book **Autumn Leaves** gave us some beautiful photographs of common leaves and we had fun looking through our leaf bags to see if we had leaves that match.

★ added some new sight word books to our practice collection. One book is called **This Is Fall** and it reviewed the sight word “on”. Another book was **Look!** which added the new word, “look”.

★ matched leaves with the numbers 1-10 to leaves with the number words one through ten. You could also make the same game at home. Just get some precut foam leaves and print the numerals 1-10 on some leaves and the number words on the others. This is great practice for both Math and Reading. See how long it takes for your child to sequence the numbers. Have him/her close eyes and take one away. What number is missing? We also matched little bats with numbers to cards with number words.

★ made a creative book called **My Book of Leaves**. This book not only helped them to think about fall leaf concepts, but it gives them some number word practice as well.

★ traced our hands and arms to make trees and then decorated the tree with colored tissue leaves. Come see our photos included with these trees. They are a “handful of fall fun”!

★ made leaf patterns and a leaf memory match game.

★ learned that letters can be written for many reasons. We listed names on a chart of people that we could send a thank you or ask a question. Then we chose one name and learned how to compose thank you letters or letters that asked something. We learned that it is not easy to compose a question. Often we want to tell about ourselves instead. Once the letters were written, it was fun to mail them in our classroom.

★ had a wonderful safety trailer visit and a trip to the Avon Fire Station. We learned so much about where they live and how they work. It is such a blessing to have these men and women serve us in our community. We can't thank them enough. The students learned a great deal this week about how to be safe in their homes and how to get out if there is an emergency. Thanks to everyone that drove the students to the fire station!

## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 16-20 Fall Break–No School
- Oct. 23-27 Please send a lunch for your child. There will not be any lunch served from Avon. Milk will still be available.
- Oct. 27 Trunk-or-Treat - We have several classroom volunteers to pass out candy outside the the kindergarten classroom. If you can also assist, please let me know.
- Oct. 29 Kindergarten sings at a special concert at 6:30p.m. Please mark your calendars. Please have your child meet me in the kindergarten classroom no later than 6:15p.m. Thanks!
- Oct. 31 Fall Party in kindergarten – Each student may dress up in a pumpkin costume of some sort. The costume could be a wide, tall, shiny, sparkly, bumpy, thin, ? pumpkin. More details will come or you may ask me about it when you see me. Our room mothers will be contacting parents that are hosting this event.
- Nov. 1 Picture retakes - Please send in the old photo packet if you desire retakes.
- Nov. 3 We are getting so excited for this year's All Saints' Fest. The committee has put together an amazing assortment of items to bid on - with proceeds directly benefiting the school and our students! Don't delay in purchasing your tickets though! We'd love to see as many families attend as possible. Make it a night out with friends! Invite your neighbors! Bring the grandparents! There IS childcare available during the event at OSLS. See the Ram News email from Oct. 13 for a link to order tickets. You can send in your ticket/table request to the office by the end of October 14th to take part in this annual event (at the \$40 price) with the Our Shepherd Family!
- Nov. 14-16 Parent/Teacher Conferences - More info. will come with forms regarding times for families.

## Homework

Memory Work for Friday, Oct. 27 is: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." Philippians 4:4

Books to Save: Look!      This Is Fall      My Book of Leaves      Fall Leaves

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, you, 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  
(New words are underlined.) \*\*These are all of the words for the first trimester. After fall break I will test students on these words.

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.

★ Practice left and right with your child (right hand / left hand; as well as right side of a paper, or turn

to the left, etc.) Help your child to learn that when you read, the left page always is read before the right page. See if your child can track print. Have him/her find the first word on the page, the last word, etc. How many words are in each sentence? Where is the end of the sentence? Take note of the periods, question marks, exclamation marks, etc. Watch your child track print, one word at a time – left to right, top to bottom.

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

★ Review the letters Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff, Gg, Hh, Ii, Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn, Oo, Pp, Qq, Rr, Ss, Tt, Uu, Vv, Ww, Xx, Yy, and Zz with your child. Help him/her to recognize them out of order. Talk about their sounds. Practice printing them.

★ Help your child to hold a pencil correctly. Only the pointer finger should be on top of the pencil.