

OSLS Kindergarten News



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This week we:

★ talked about the slimy pulp inside a pumpkin reminds us of our sins. We carved a cross on our pumpkin to re-mind us how Jesus washed our sins away. (He cleaned out the mess of sin.) Then we lit a candle in our pumpkin and sang "This Little Gospel Light of Mine" to remind us to let the light of Jesus shine in our lives. We read some books to remind us of the wonderful truth of the Bible that forgiveness and heaven are a free gift. We are saved by Christ alone. Now we live our lives in thankful service to praise Him for this eternal gift. It was fun to see photos from some of the places in Germany where Martin Luther lived and worked. Oct. 31 is special because on that day years ago Martin Luther wanted people to know that we are saved by grace alone, faith alone and Scripture alone.

★ learned how God did amazing things as He saved His people and led them into the land He promised. He has also done wonderful things for us and promises to take us home to live with Him eternally because of His saving work in Christ. It was fun to make placemats to use for the month of November which begins already next week. The children of Israel thanked the Lord for saving them and the pilgrims did as well. Often Thanksgiving gets lost between the commercialism of Halloween and Christmas. We hope the placemats help us to focus on giving thanks to the Lord for His saving love.

★ made a book called Chef ____'s Pizza. This books not only reviews some sight words, but it helps the students to use the comparison words more and less. We added a few other sight words for second trimester as well. Please see the homework section so you can help your child review words. I will continue testing children on their sight words next week.

★ observed various attributes of pumpkins as we weighed and measured them.

★ had a seed counting contest. First each table estimated how many seeds their pumpkin contained. We had 3 sizes of pumpkins. Each table was given the opportunity to learn a little about place value. Each table group count-ed the seeds in their pumpkin. Ten seeds were put in a cup and then placed in the tens column. Students eagerly counted the cups of seeds by tens to see if they had 100. Once they got a row of ten cups (100 seeds), they were able to stack the cups and place them in the hundreds column. It was an exciting contest for the students. We thank Jordan's dad for helping us with this project!

Upcoming Events

Oct. 29-30 No School

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. 2 Time is running out. Have you purchased your tickets for the 25th All Saints' Fest? Individual tickets will go up to \$50 per person on October 13. Be sure to take advantage of babysitting offered for that evening. Don't forget to donate gift cards or items toward the auction. Each grade also contributes handmade items for the auction. You will certainly want to bid on something that your child has helped to make! As in the past, mobil bidding is available during the event using your own smart device. The night usually raises in excess of \$30,000! Come for a great celebration that benefits Our Shepherd Lutheran School.

Nov. 11 Kindergarten sings in church at the 10:45 a.m. service.

Nov. 26-27 Parent/Teacher Conferences - More info. will come with forms regarding times for families.

Homework

Memory Work for Friday, Nov. 2 is: "Nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37

Books to Save: Halloween Party Chef _____'s Pizza

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
(New words are underlined.) **These are all of the words for the first trimester. Next week, I will test students on these words.

Second Trimester Words: are

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.