

# OSLS Kindergarten News



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## Special Activities this Week:

★ learned how God faithfully kept His promise to Abraham and Sarah. They were given a son as promised. From the family line of Abraham, God also sent His only Son, Jesus. God faithfully kept His Word to give us a Savior.

★ began to learn that /a/ has a few different sounds. It is an important vowel that is used in many words. We also learned that it has a short straight line (stick) and that if you make a tall stick it becomes letter d.

★ read a book called Pam and Sam. This book also helped us learn how to make words in the -am word family by adding different initial consonants in front of -am.

★ learned how to put together two parts to make a whole number. We used unifix cubes and magnetic counters to break apart a set of objects into two parts. This was a difficult concept for some children that have not developed "conservation of number". You may find out if your child has "conservation of number" by placing a certain number of objects in front of your child. Count them together. Then spread the objects apart and ask your child how many objects there are. Next, push the objects together and ask your child how many objects there are. If your child has to count again or if he/she specifies a different quantity than originally counted, your child does not have "conservation of number". This concept is very important to have developed and is necessary for further math concepts. We did a variety of activities and used "Math talk" to describe part/whole relationships. For instance, we verbalized 1 and 7 make 8. 2 green apples and 3 red apples make 5 apples.

I also noticed that a few students have not learned to subitize yet, nor do they have one-to-one correspondence. Please count often with your child and play games using dice, game boards, tally marks, etc. If your child still has to count 3 dots on one die, your child cannot subitize and that is a skill that needs developed very soon. At the beginning of kindergarten a child should be able to visually see 3 dots and not have to touch and count to know that it is three. I noticed the same thing with counting fingers on one hand. Several students verbalized that there were 6 fingers on one hand when the picture of the hand was showing 3 fingers.

★ made a book which illustrates the seasons of an apple tree. We made this book to go with the book The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree. This was the first week of fall and we learned about many things that happen in fall besides the changes on trees. On Friday we had fun celebrating Johnny Appleseed's birthday (which will be on Monday) with books and puppets that we made.

★ practiced printing Aa., found words in the dictionary that start with a, printed favorite letters of the alphabet, and wrote stories about our trip to the apple orchard or made up stories about apples.

★ made a book called I Am to practice the sight words "a", "am", "an", and "as".

★ made 10 apples balance on their heads....not really! Come see their pictures in the hall next week. Can you guess what apple should come next in their pattern? This project also went with the Dr. Seuss book Ten Apples Up on Top!

★ read a book called 3 in One. This book is an excellent resource to help teach children about the Trinity. Our God is 3 in 1. God the Father made us. God the Son, Jesus saved us. God the Holy Spirit gives us our faith. There are 3 persons, yet only 1 God. This is not something we will fully understand here on Earth. The book explains how there is one apple with 3 parts: a peel, the flesh, and the core. (3 parts, yet 1 apple)

## Upcoming Events

- Sept. 16** Field trip to Anderson Orchard in the morning.  
We will leave @8:35am and will return by 11:45am. Students will need to bring a car seat.  
Here are the driver/student groups:  
Truelson: Megan, Elianna, Rachel, Mrs. Cronauer  
Beltz: David B., Teddy, Robmade  
Johnson: Sylas, Juno, Mason  
Ardoin: Dallas, David G., Ruby, Mrs. Burris  
Blink: Nora, Cora, Kate, Mrs. Pierson  
Todd: Madelyn, Lillian, Allesia, Shalom, Mrs. Fidel
- Sept. 18** School Picture Day
- Sept. 19** K Crew—a group of parents will meet to prepare materials for our class. See email from room moms.
- Sept. 20** One hour late start-9:25a.m.
- Sept. 23** 1 hour early dismissal at 2:20p.m. - parent teacher conferences for grades 1-8  
EC classes and kindergarten will have parent teacher conferences on Nov. 18 and class for EC & Kindergarten will dismiss early at 1:30p.m. on Nov. 18 to allow time for conferences.
- Oct. 7** Field Trip to a Washington Township Fire Station at 10:00a.m. Please fill out form. Here is the link for the permission form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNVjDoazjkQzugAPecNDEOETk3s0zWT6I1K64VqozKmaleTA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNVjDoazjkQzugAPecNDEOETk3s0zWT6I1K64VqozKmaleTA/viewform?usp=sf_link)  
I will also send the link in an email.

## Homework

Memory Work for Friday, September 20 is: "Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens." Psalm 36:5

Books to Save: I Am      Pam and Sam      Foods I Like

Words to Save: 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

New words are underlined. Please review words regularly with your child. Thanks!

★ Practice left and right with your child (left hand, right hand as well as right side of a paper, or turn to the left, etc.)

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

★ Review both the uppercase and lowercase letters 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.