



# TROYER TALK

February 17, 2012



## Religion-

This week, we continued our unit on the New Testament and the life of Jesus. We focused on the following stories, which include: The Forgiving Father, The Good Samaritan, The Good Shepherd, and Let the Children Come to Me. Next week, we will be learning about different stories that show the unconditional love of Jesus, and about how Jesus performs miracles. A few of the stories that we will be exploring include: Jesus Makes a Blind Man See, The Girl Who Gets Well Again, and The Sower. We will also begin our study of Lent. We will be discussing how we can try to do new things in preparation for Easter. We will answer the writing prompt: "During Lent, I can try to..." and discuss the concept of new beginnings. We will also make Lenten wreaths to decorate our hallway.

## Writing/Language Arts-

This week, we have been reviewing the letters Ff, Bb, Mm, Aa, Kk, Tt, Rr, Ii, Pp, Nn, Ss, Uu, Jj, Dd, Ee, Ll, Gg, and Oo. Our focus has been on beginning sounds, sight word identification, CVC spelling skills, and the letter Ww. During language arts stations, we have played the games entitled "Wiggle Worm, Sound Catchers, & Monster CVC Words," worked on our handwriting, and created watermelon crafts with seeds that contained pictures of "w" words. Next week, we will be learning about the letter Yy, its sound, and how to write both the uppercase and lowercase letter Yy. We will be creating a yellow crayon with yellow strips of paper with letter "y" words.

## Reading-

This week, we read the Scholastic AlphaTales Book entitled Olive the Octopus's Day of Juggling and the high frequency reader entitled What Is It?. We also read books to celebrate Valentine's Day. Next week, we will be reading the Scholastic AlphaTales Book entitled The Yak Who Yelled Yuck! We will be working with the short story entitled Yakkity Yak to identify sight words and words that begin with y. We will also be discussing the beginning, middle, and end of the story. We encourage our students to continue to read each night with an adult for 15 to 20 minutes and to review his/her sight words on a regular basis. We do not have any new sight words this week. When you read with your child at night, please encourage him/her to point out and read sight words, attempt to sound out CVC words (i.e. cat, dog, hug), and answer comprehension questions about the story (characters, setting, main idea, etc.). Please help your child remember to return his/her reading log at the end of each month. Thank you!

## Math-

This week, we continued our study of US coins. Our focus for this week was on all four US coins, which include: the penny, the nickel, the dime, and the quarter. We have been studying about the heads' and tails' sides of all of the coins, how much each coin is worth, and how to use coins to count change. Practice using the coins to count by 1s (pennies), 5s (nickels), 10s (dimes), and 25s (quarters) up to \$1.00. During math stations, we have been working on coin stamping to count change, graphing candy hearts, and playing a coin spinner & graphing game. We also played a SmartBoard Wack-A-Mole game to review money. Next week, we will begin our unit on calendar and time. We will focus on the days of the week, the months of the year, and the weather. We will continue to use our calendar time to sing and learn songs that incorporate all of these concepts. If you ask your child, I bet you can learn a new song or two from him or her! Watch out because the songs are very catchy!

## Science & Social Studies-

Our science focus this week has been on the human body. We learned about four important organs, which include: the brain, the heart, the lungs, and the stomach. We made human body flip books to learn about the basic functions of these four organs, why we have the organs, and how to keep them healthy. In social studies, we have been learning about the presidents to honor Presidents' Day. We have talked about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We enjoyed making log cabins out of popsicle sticks.

Star of the Week: James R.

Favorite Color: blue

Favorite Book: Mouse Mess

Favorite Activity: playing outside

Favorite Food: pasta

Favorite Place to Visit: Bush Gardens

My Talents: riding bikes & flipping off the diving board

I am special because: My family loves me.

When I grow up, I want to be a: dad.

My Birthday is: May 6<sup>th</sup>

Star of the Week: Garrett T.

Favorite Colors: blue & green

Favorite Book: Sponge Bob

Favorite Activity: playing with my friends

Favorite Food: mac and cheese

Favorite Place to Visit: Great Wolf Lodge

My Talent: baseball

I am special because: God made me.

When I grow up, I want to be a: police officer.

My Birthday is: February 8<sup>th</sup>