



TROYER TALK

February 3, 2012



Religion-

This week, we continued our unit on the New Testament and the life of Jesus. We focused on the following stories: The Work of Jesus' Friends and Jesus Talks About Peace. Next week, we will be learning about different stories that show the unconditional love of Jesus, and about how others can show their God's love through their actions. A few of the stories that we will be exploring include: The Forgiving Father, The Good Samaritan, and The Good Shepherd. The students' Bibles are coming along very nicely, and the students look forward to showing you all of their story pages very soon! If your child has a Bible that he/she would like to share with the class, please send it to school with him/her next week.

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, and Gg. We have been practicing our phonetic spelling skills, writing in our journals with invented spelling skills, and reviewing all of our sight words. During language arts stations, we have been working on sight word bingo, gumball art activities, and gumball letter pick & draw to focus on initial sound recognition and phonetic spelling skills. Next week, we will be learning about the letter Oo and its short vowel sound. We will be working with the short story entitled Oscar Octopus and Ozzie Ostrich. We will be creating an octopus with eight shoes with various pictures of words that begin with Oo to go along with our study of the letter Oo.

Reading-

This week, we read the Scholastic AlphaTales Book entitled Gorilla Be Good! and the short story called Gus the Goldfish. We also read books to celebrate the 100th day of school and Groundhog's Day. Next week, we will be reading the high frequency reader entitled What Is It? and the Scholastic AlphaTales Book entitled Olive the Octopus's Day of Juggling. 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. 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. So far we have covered the penny and nickel. Our focus this week was on the dime, its value, and how to count by 10s using dimes. We also learned that Franklin Roosevelt is on the head's side of penny and that the tail's side includes an oak branch, an olive branch, and a torch. Please continue to focus on coin identification with your child at home. Focus on the penny, the nickel, and the dime. Practice using the coins to count by 1s (pennies), 5s (nickels), and 10s (dimes). Begin to discuss the quarter as well. We will be focusing on all four coins next week. We will be exploring the poem entitled "Money Time" to review coins. We will begin focusing on how to combine coins to count change. During math stations, we have been working on coin stamping to count pennies, nickels, and dimes, money bingo, dime counting fun, "Pass the Piggy" game, and figuring two ways to make change with pennies, nickels, and dimes.

Science & Social Studies-

We have continued our study of animals. We focused on how animals move and the reasons that they move from one place to another, such as to find food or escape danger. Next week, we will begin our study of the human body. Our focus will be on the brain, heart, lungs, and stomach and their functions. In social studies, we have almost finished our globes to conclude our study of continents. We will begin our study on community helpers and their special jobs very soon!

Star of the Week: Emma H.

Favorite Color: pink

Favorite Book: Charlie Brown

Favorite Activity: playing outside

Favorite Food: spaghetti

Favorite Place to Visit: my grandparents' house

My Talents: cooking & dancing

I am special because: My family loves me.

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

My Birthday is: Oct. 7th

Star of the Week: Annie R.

Favorite Colors: pink, purple, & blue

Favorite Book: Ramona

Favorite Activity: swimming

Favorite Foods: ice cream & pizza

Favorite Place to Visit: Wintergreen

My Talents: swimming, climbing, & bike riding

I am special because: I live in a big family.

When I grow up, I want to be a: fashion designer.

My Birthday is: Sept. 3rd