



TROYER TALK

January 20, 2012



Religion-

This week, we continued our unit on the New Testament and the life of Jesus. We focused on the following stories: Jesus Is Found in the Temple and Jesus Is Baptized. Next week, we will be learning about how Jesus begins to teach and how He chooses his disciples to help Him teach and spread the word of God. We will also be discussing how our friends in our lives help us learn and show the love of God. 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, and Ee. 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 writing "How To" stories with our groups, creating silly sentences, and writing ordinal number stories. Next week, we will be learning about the letter Ll, and we will be working with the short story entitled Leo the Lion's Lollipops. We will be creating lions to go along with our study of the letter Ll.

Reading-

We will be reading the high frequency reader entitled In the Forrest and the Scholastic AlphaTales Book entitled The Lion Who Loved to Laugh. 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 started our study of US coins. Our focus this week was on the penny, its value, and how to count by 1s using pennies. We also learned that Abraham Lincoln is on the head's side of penny and that the Lincoln Memorial is on the tail's side of the penny. Please begin to work 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). We will be exploring the poem entitled "Four Gingerbread Men" to review our ordinal numbers and number words. Eventually, we will be focusing on how you can combine coins to count change. During math stations, we have been working on number identification 0-50, counting by 1s, 5s, & 10s with beans, identifying number and color words, and penny identification with coin stampers.

Science & Social Studies-

This week, we continued our study of animals. We focused on how animals have babies called offspring and how adult and baby animals both have unique names. We completed the booklet entitled "Mother, Mother, Can You Find Me?" Next week, we will be working on how animals move. In social studies, we have begun to focus on the different continents, maps, and locations around the world. We are busy starting to make our own globes.

Star of the Week: Megan G.

Favorite Color: pink

Favorite Book: Enchanted Moments

Favorite Activity: cooking

Favorite Food: mint chocolate chip ice cream

Favorite Place to Visit: my grandma's house

My Talents: singing & playing music

I am special because: I love my mommy & daddy.

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

My Birthday is: Nov. 7th

