

# Mrs. Tropf's Newsletter

January 24, 2013

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

It has been a pleasure to talk to many of you this week about your child's report card and the progress he/she is making in kindergarten. If I have not contacted you yet, I will be calling in the next few days, so feel free to share questions or concerns about your child's behavior or academic progress when I call you.

The children have been eagerly awaiting **THE BIG 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL.** If we do not have any snow days we will be celebrating in early February. I'll give you details in next week's newsletter, so stay tuned...

In Bible next week the children will review the story of the birth of Jesus, learn about Passover, and learn a little bit about the early years of Christ's life. Our new memory verse is **John 14:31 "But the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me."** The children should be prepared to recite this verse to me on Thursday.

Please send the sight word ring and plastic purse to school on Monday and I will add new words to the ring. I recently tested the class on the sight words we have learned up to this point in time. I sent home a sheet with the test results so you can help your child master the words he missed. At the end of the year I will test the children on all the words listed on that sheet from SRA.

Next week's math lessons will focus on different ways to make 8, 9, and 10, writing number sentences for 8, 9, and 10, and problem solving by making a graph. The children will take a chapter test on Friday.



Since Groundhog Day is next Saturday, we will celebrate on Friday. The children will hear special stories and do a craft project. They will hear about "Buckeye Chuck" and his Pennsylvania counterpart as they learn the legend of the groundhog and his shadow. If possible, let your child watch the news next Saturday and hear the story of Groundhog Day to discover if the groundhog sees his shadow.



I did not receive any orders for Scholastic Books on Wednesday, so I am extending the deadline to tomorrow in case someone forgot but would still like to order books. Remember to send cash or a check made out to Scholastic Book Clubs. Thanks!

Congratulations to Sophia Knierim for passing Level 1 (Macaw) of the Reading Eagles program. Sophie will receive her award in chapel on Feb. 7.

Our next Kindergarten Star of the Week will be Jubilee Hester.

Has your child talked about the new class on Fridays this semester? The kindergarten students have a technology class in the high school library on Friday mornings from 10:25-11:05 each week. Mr. Neifer instructs them in computer basics and helps them with educational computer games.

## **A LOOK AHEAD IN FEBRUARY:**

1. February 4---LATE START DAY
2. February 12--Mrs. McIntyre visits--a new community helper!
3. February 14--Class Valentine's Day party in the afternoon
4. February 18--NO SCHOOL--Presidents' Day
5. February 21---Family Math Night 5:30-7:00

Enjoy your weekend and have a meaningful day of worship Sunday in God's house.

In the Master's service,  
Mrs. Tropf