

Mrs. Tropf's Newsletter

October 18, 2012

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Thank you for your prayers for my family. My cousin Judy passed away last week, so my husband and I traveled to Pennsylvania to attend the viewing and funeral over the weekend. Our hearts are still grieving because we will miss Judy, but we rejoice that she is in Heaven with the Saviour she loved and served so faithfully.

On Tuesday morning Dr. Matt Roth, a TCS parent, came to visit our class and tell about his job as a doctor in family practice and sports medicine. The children were surprised to find out that Dr. Roth is the team doctor for the Toledo Walleye!! The children learned what a doctor does to keep people healthy and what Dr. Roth does at his job every day. Yesterday Mrs. Simon, our school librarian, told her story about becoming a librarian. She told the class what she does in the library to help children and the teachers find and enjoy books. We appreciate this community helper who works hard at TCS every day. Next Wednesday morning the children will meet a nurse, Mrs. Kauffman, who will share about her job at a local hospital. The children will learn about this community helper and also learn how to stay healthy during the cold and flu season. It should be fun and educational for all of us!

Because of our short week next week, we will not start a new unit in Bible. However, we will begin memorizing Psalm 100 from the New International Version for the Thanksgiving season. Attached to this newsletter is a copy for you to keep at home. Please use it to help your child learn this wonderful passage of Scripture. I will be working on it in class frequently and the children will need to recite it to me before Thanksgiving break. More details will follow. Thanks for your help at home. Please note: Psalm 100 is extra memorization in addition to the weekly Bible verses that are assigned with our regular curriculum in the coming weeks.

This week your child met two new Letter People: Miss F (Funny Feet) and Mr. H (Happy Hair). The children also know how to play "The Prove It Game". Ask your kindergartner to show you how to play it with him/her. Next week the children will meet another Letter Person. I wonder who it will be???????????

In math next week we will continue working in Chapter 4. The children will further explore the concepts of 2 more, 2 fewer, ordering numbers through 10, ordering numbers on a number line, and using objects for problem solving. Continue to play with the ideas of more and fewer at home by giving your child simple objects to count and then asking him to show you one or two more or one or two fewer than that amount. Make it fun and keep it short, but the reinforcement at home will pay big dividends in the classroom when we do our math lessons. The children will be tested on Chapter 4 on Wednesday.

Due to the short week, I am asking you to keep the word rings at home next week and practice the words that I have given you to this point. Send the word rings and plastic purses back in the BEE folders on Monday, October 29. It is important that the word rings come back on that day so I can add new words and return them the following day. Thank you!

REMINDERS:

1. Our Thanksgiving Feast is Friday, November 16. Your child may dress up as a Native American or Pilgrim for the morning's activities. Remember that this is a HALF DAY OF SCHOOL.
2. Picture retake day is Friday, November 2.

3. We are heading into cold and flu season. Remember that if your child is running a fever (even if it's low-grade) he must be kept at home until the temperature is normal for 24 hours. This is school policy and is for the good of the other children.
4. There is no school next Thursday and Friday for your kindergartner and he/she should not come with you to our conference time. This is a time for adults to share.
5. In the event of a two hour delay due to weather problems students should not come to school until 9:45. They need to report to the cafeteria and wait at our kindergarten table until I come to get the class. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter. If a child arrives after 10:15 he is tardy.
6. Due to our short week there will be no Star of the Week. Stay tuned for our next STAR!!
7. Don't forget to initial your child's behavior calendar so I am sure you saw it.
8. Any papers that come home in the BEE folder can stay at home once I grade them unless I make a note to sign and return them to me.

I am looking forward to my conference with you. Please feel free to ask questions or share concerns about your child. Since we only have 20 minutes to share together, please come prepared with your questions, concerns, or comments so we can best utilize our time. Samples of our curriculum materials will be on display for you to look over while you wait for your conference to begin.

Enjoy this autumn weekend with your kindergartner and have some great family time together.

In His service,
Mrs. Tropf