

Mrs. Tropf's Newsletter

October 24, 2012

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Since this is our VERY SHORT week, I am sending the newsletter home today with your child. We have some exciting learning opportunities coming up in November and more community helpers on the way. Stay tuned!

I am looking forward to our conference time on Thursday and Friday. Please come prepared with questions and/or concerns you would like addressed. I'll be sharing my thoughts concerning your child's academic progress and behavior in the classroom.

Next week in Bible we begin our new unit on choices and consequences. The children will learn some key questions to ask before making a choice and learn the results of good choices and bad choices. The new memory verse, due by next Thursday, is **Joshua 24:15: "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve."**

Our math work next week moves us into Topic 5, "Numbers to 20". The children will be counting, reading, and writing 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 in our lessons during the week. Does your child recognize these numbers and know how to write them?

In language next week the children will meet our first Letter Light Person, Miss A. (When she's happy she sneezes and says AAAAA-CHOOO!!!) Listed below is the new group of sight words for November. I am giving them out a bit early for those who like head starts.

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Please continue to review and work on sight words from September and October. This list is in addition to the word ring I send home each week. Those words come directly from the pre-decodable story books in our SRA curriculum. I hope you and your child enjoy working with the flash cards to drill the sight words. Be creative and invent games to play with them. Learning can be fun and beneficial at the same time! Thank you for helping your child succeed in reading this year by learning a basic sight word vocabulary. **Remember to send the sight word ring and plastic purse back to school on**

Monday, October 29, so I can add new words to the ring. Thanks for your help with this request.

Last week was fun as we launched our Star of the Week feature and celebrated Sophia Knierim as our first kindergarten star. The children enjoyed meeting Sophie's family and hearing her answers to the interview questions. Next week's kindergarten star will be Joshua Herrera.

Remember that the Thanksgiving Feast is coming up on November 16. No uniforms, please! We'll have a great morning of celebration and fun. Call Mrs. Brandi Harvey if you can help in the classroom that day or want to donate items for the party. She is chairman of the planning committee for the party. This is a half day of school for your child.



I'd like to thank Mrs. Laura Knierim for doing a wonderful job compiling information for our class booklets. This will be a valuable resource for our kindergarten families throughout the school year, so please keep it and refer to it often. I appreciate all the time and effort Mrs. Knierim put into working on this special project for our class.

Enjoy the LONG autumn weekend with your kindergartner and do something fun as a family. Don't forget to count your many blessings. November is just around the corner!

Yours in His service,
Mrs. Tropf

P.S. Scholastic Book Club orders and payments are due by November 5. Please send cash or a check made out to Scholastic Book Clubs. Thanks!

Many thanks to all of you for helping us reach our Bike-a-Thon goal and get the day off school on November 20. Thanks also for helping us win a prize for the Box Tops contest. Keep sending in those Box Tops for the next contest!!