

Mrs. Tropf's Newsletter

October 4, 2012

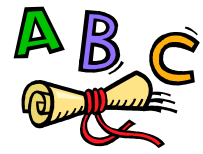
Dear Kindergarten Parents,

On Friday your children learned another lesson about the way God answers prayer. Last week we had been praying about the Bike-a-Thon and asking God for dry weather and safety for all the riders in our class. He is a faithful God who hears and answers prayer, and the children saw that first-hand on Friday. It was very chilly, but God gave us a dry day. In our class prayer time on Monday we thanked Him for His protection and for helping the children do a great job riding at the Thon. I want to thank all the moms and dads who took time off work to join us at Ottawa Park for a day of fellowship and fun as we supported our school in this worthy cause.

In Bible next week we will review the six days of creation and learn about the seventh day when God rested. We'll learn that the Sabbath Day (Sunday) is holy and is set apart for rest and worship. The children will finish and assemble their creation coloring books they have worked on throughout this quarter and will bring them home to show you in the near future. ***Our new memory verse for next week is Genesis 2:3: "And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy."***

In math we will move on to Topic 4, "Comparing and Ordering Numbers 0 to 10". The children will be comparing numbers through 10, and working on the concepts of one more and one fewer. Practice these ideas at home with your child by "playing" with simple objects. Place three spoons in a row on the table. Tell your child to make a row of spoons with one fewer. (He should be able to make a row of two spoons.) If you make a row of six Cheerios and tell him to make a row showing one more, he should be able to make a row of seven Cheerios for you. Test your child with this simple hands-on activity to see if he understands these important concepts of more and fewer.

Our lessons in language arts next week will include an exciting new addition: Two Letter People from Letter People Land will visit our classroom. The Letter People are a fun way for kindergartners to learn the names and sounds of the alphabet letters. I'll keep the identities of our two visitors a secret for now and allow your child to tell you all about our guests when we meet them. Formal handwriting instruction will begin next week as we meet the Letter People and learn how to write their capital and lowercase letters.



I am sending home information about Halloween. Please read it prayerfully and thoughtfully. This holiday does not honor God at all. In fact, the customs and traditions are rooted in evil beliefs and practices. For this reason we do not celebrate Halloween at TCS. Instead, we will participate in the Thanksgiving Feast and relate special activities to social studies lessons on the first Thanksgiving. It is a wonderful day that your child will thoroughly enjoy!

Our Thanksgiving Feast is coming up on November 16 at school. Your child may dress up as a Native American or a Pilgrim for that day and special Thanksgiving activities will take place in the classroom in the morning before the feast. It will be another great kindergarten memory for your child. Remember, that day is a half day for all elementary students, with dismissal at noon.

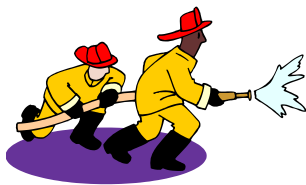
Next Monday is a LATE START DAY. Students need to arrive at 9:45-10:00.

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up on October 25 and 26. This is a time for just adults to

discuss and share, so children should not come to the conferences. Since some of you are new to TCS this year, I'm mentioning this now so you'll have time to arrange for child care the day of your conference. Please turn in your conference form ASAP so Mrs. Miller can begin scheduling.

Last week I sent home the sight word ring in a plastic purse. The words are the sight words your child is learning in the little pre-decodable story books that are coming home each week. Please review the words on the ring during the week and over the weekend, then **be sure to send the word ring and plastic purse back to school on Monday so I can add new words to the ring.** The word ring stays home with you during the week, then comes back to me every Monday. When I get all the rings back I will add the new sight words and send the rings home in your child's BEE folder. Please be careful not to lose the words or plastic purse, as these belong to the school and you will be charged for any lost materials. Everything must be returned to me at the end of the school year. Thanks for investing time in your child's education by drilling these sight words. The consistent practice will pay big dividends by the end of kindergarten!

Mrs. Knierim has been working on our class booklet. We would like to publish the name, address, and phone number of each parent or family in our class to include in the class booklet. If you wish NOT to have your information published, please call Mrs. Laura Knierim at 419-836-2516.



As part of our community helpers unit this month, our class will visit the Toledo Firefighters Museum on Sylvania Avenue next Friday, Oct. 12. The children need to wear school uniforms and bring a sack lunch and drink that day. The field trip is free for children and adults. We will eat in our room and leave at noon for the trip. We will be back to TCS between 2:00 and 2:30 that day. If you are available to drive or would like to go with us, please contact Mrs. Harvey ASAP so she can arrange carpools and transportation. Thanks!

Remember: Bike-a-Thon money is due by next Friday, October 12, to be counted towards prizes and the day off school on November 20. Let's all do our part to help TCS and our class!!!



Since chilly weather will soon be upon us, let me explain that girls are allowed to bring slacks to wear under their jumpers during outdoor recess. They cannot wear slacks under jumpers all day in class, but I will allow them to put their slacks on for recess and then take them off when recess is over. You may also want your daughter to wear the solid color tights that follow our dress code.

Sight words for the month of October include the following:

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God bless you with a restful autumn weekend and quality family time.

In the bond of His love,
Mrs. Trof