

Mrs. Tropf's Newsletter

November 8, 2012

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

November is officially underway and your kindergartner has more than two months of school under his belt. The time is flying! This has been a full week of learning with two new Letter People, taking part in our mock election on Election Day as a special social studies project, as well as preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday season. Your kindergartner will soon be hearing about the first Thanksgiving and will be coloring a story booklet about Squanto, a special Indian God sent to help the Pilgrims during their first year in America. Our class will be working on having an "attitude of gratitude" during the month of November and continuing throughout the entire year. We will try to cultivate a grateful, thankful attitude in kindergarten each day by counting our blessings.

Next week in Bible we will review the story of Adam and Eve sinning in the Garden of Eden and learn the difference between sin and a mistake. We have been talking a lot about our choices and praying God will help us to daily make good choices with good results. The children have learned that bad choices don't happen by accident and they bring bad results. Bad choices happen on purpose and make us feel sad and disappointed. Next week's memory verse is "*All wrongdoing is sin.*" **I John 5:17** The children should be prepared to recite this verse to me on Thursday.

Next week we will meet two new Letter People: Miss P (**P**ointy **P**atches) and Miss S (**S**uper **S**ocks). SSSHHHH!!!!!! Don't tell!!!!!! Please consistently review the Letter People and their characteristics as this will help your child remember the sound that each letter makes. Continue to have your child practice writing the capital and lowercase letters for each Letter Person that we meet. The added practice will reap many benefits.

Don't forget to keep working on the sight words from September and October. Below are the words for November:

**SHE OF HERE SAID MY WAS THEY
HAVE FOR FROM YOU**

**Please keep the sight word rings at home until
Monday, November 26. I added three new words**

**this week so I don't need the rings returned until
after Thanksgiving vacation. Thank you!**

In math we will begin Topic 6, "Numbers to 100". Your student will be counting to 100 by 1's, 5's, and 10's and will work on completing a hundreds chart. This skill will reappear later during the second semester, but is being introduced in our curriculum now. Please help your son/daughter learn to count by 1's, 5's, and 10's to 100 and later we will work on counting by 2's. This skill of skip counting is evaluated on our kindergarten report card, so you might want to start practicing now. It's an easy thing to work on while riding in the car to appointments, to church, on the way to school, etc. Take advantage of those travel minutes to reinforce these math skills with your child.

Please take advantage of the extra writing paper that comes home periodically in the Thursday folder. Encourage your child to practice his numbers and letters to improve formation and spacing. Consistent practice really does benefit your child's work in the classroom and helps fine motor skills improve. It only involves about ten minutes each evening. Thank you for investing time in your child's skill development.

Next Friday is our Thanksgiving Feast. Remember to send your child to school dressed in a Native American or Pilgrim costume and don't send a snack or lunch that day. Following a morning of special activities in our classroom, the children will eat a wonderful lunch and then be dismissed to go home at noon. **FRIDAY IS A HALF DAY OF SCHOOL.** Dismissal procedures will begin at 11:45. The feast day is another great kindergarten memory that your child will enjoy immensely. Contact Mrs. Harvey if you can help in the classroom or would like to donate supplies or goodies for the party. Thanks so much!

Our next Star of the Week will be Isaiah Mars.

Have a wonderful autumn weekend and don't forget to have an attitude of gratitude!

November blessings,
Mrs. Tropf

