

Mrs. Tropf's Newsletter

February 14, 2013

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! I trust you and your kindergartner will experience God's love in a very real way as He works in your lives and shows His loving care and provision for your family. You are very special to Him and to me.



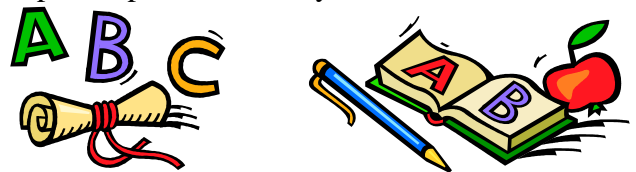
Please be inviting friends and neighbors to our Open House on Saturday, February 16, from 1:00-3:00 P.M. It's a great opportunity to tour the facility, speak to teachers and staff members, and discover what makes our school different from all others. TCS---Building strong minds and strong faith.

In Bible next week we will be taking a break from our regular Bible curriculum and having a special week of lessons on the plan of salvation. I will be sharing the gospel through a variety of methods. I will be using Child Evangelism Fellowship's story on how to get to Heaven, a study of the Wordless Book, and a unique lesson called "The Gospel in a Nutshell". When your child brings home his Wordless Book, be sure to ask him/her to tell you that special story and explain the significance of the colored pages. The children will hear the Bible story about Saul's conversion. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will use these lessons to speak to your children's tender hearts and start them thinking about their own spiritual condition.



Keep the sight word rings at home until Monday, February 25. Practice the words on the ring until your child can say them quickly and accurately. Try to have your child read the Decodable story booklets aloud to you when they come home. The booklets are excellent reading tools for practicing

sight words, learning to read with expression, and following punctuation. Oral practice is very beneficial, so let your child read the stories to you several times for practice and fluency. Thanks for being an enthusiastic listener and cheerleader for your child!! We are starting to do dictation exercises where I say a simple three letter word with a short vowel sound and your child must write it on paper. Practice doing this while riding in the car or waiting for an appointment. Can your child spell words and distinguish first, middle, and last sounds in words? Try spelling words orally before writing them on paper. Make it a game and keep it fun and short when practicing with your child at home. Be positive and encouraging when he attempts to spell words for you.



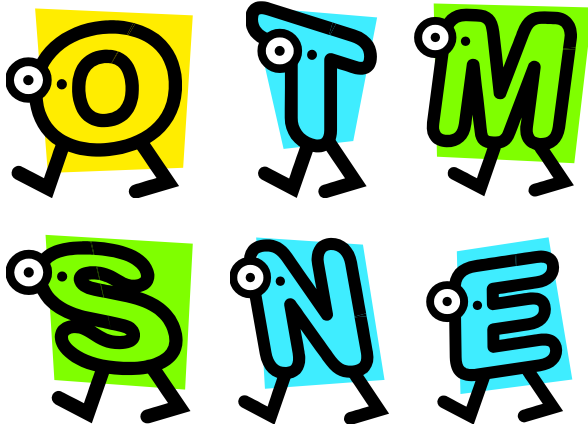
In math next week we begin Topic 11 "Decomposing Numbers 11 to 19". In this chapter your child will learn that numbers can be broken into two parts, with one part being ten. For example, $12=10+2$. $13=10+3$. $11=10+1$. Pay close attention to the workbook pages that come home and review the concepts presented in the lessons.

SOCIAL STUDIES PROJECT--I NEED YOUR HELP !!!!!

Soon the children will be making special booklets called "All About Me". This booklet is part of the chapter on the passage of time and how time changes things and people. I need you to send me a photocopy of photos or photos that I can use and keep for this project. I need a photo of your child as a baby, a toddler, a preschooler, and kindergartner, plus a family photo. Photos should not be larger than 3" x 5". This will be a fun visual project to help your child see how he/she has changed over time. Please send me all the pictures by **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25**.

Our next Kindergarten Star of the Week will be Dawson Cross.

In closing let me share some **TOP SECRET INFORMATION**. As you know, we have met all the Letter People from Letter People Land, BUT THE FUN'S NOT OVER YET!!!! On Friday, March 8, our class will celebrate our progress in reading with a special **LETTER PEOPLE PARTY**. The children must choose one Letter Person or its equivalent sound and dress up in a special costume. For example, if your child likes Miss P, he can wear lots of pointy patches on his clothes that day. He may also dress up as a Pilgrim or a pirate, because those names begin with Miss P's sound. (Of course, characters like witches, goblins, ghosts, rock stars, Harry Potter, Ninja Turtles, or Pokemon will not be acceptable because they are not honoring to Jesus.) This party is one of the highlights and special memories of kindergarten and always proves to be lots of fun for the children and their parents, so get those creative juices flowing! Every child needs to come to school in a costume on March 8---no school uniforms, please!!!!



Send in your Box Tops for our contest and help our school. It's a fun contest and a worthy cause. Deadline this quarter: February 25.

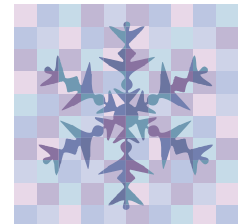
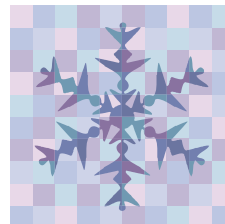
Your kindergartner is being exposed to lots of quality children's literature this month. I'm sharing some great stories for Valentine's Day, black history month, and Presidents' Day. The children are learning about famous African Americans and also about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Reminders:

1. There is no school on Monday because of Presidents' Day.
2. Next Thursday evening from 5:30-7:00 is Family Math Night. Plan to come for fun and fellowship as your child explores various math games and activities in the third floor classrooms.
3. The Toledo Zoo Ed Van is coming to visit our class on Thursday, February 28, in the morning.
4. There is no memory verse next week in Bible.
5. Please be sure your child is following the dress code. Boys and girls need to wear a belt with slacks. Check the parent handbook regarding acceptable colors for girls' tights and socks.
6. If you arrive after 8:15, please park in the Anthony Wayne Trail lot and take your child to the elementary office to get a tardy slip. Then walk him down to our classroom. Do not drop your child off and leave without signing him in at the office. This rule is for your child's protection and safety. Thanks so much!

Have a wonderful winter weekend and do some fun things together as a family. I trust your time in God's house on Sunday will be uplifting and meaningful.

Winter blessings,
Mrs. Trof



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