

Mrs. Tropf's Newsletter

February 21, 2013

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

In just seven more days we say good-bye to February. Thank the Lord, spring is just around the corner. I think we are all ready for spring! The changing of the seasons is another great opportunity to help your child appreciate God's hand in creation and His perfect timetable for everything in nature. Encourage your child to use his eyes and ears to observe the coming changes as we transition from winter to spring in the month of March.

Next week in Bible we return to our regular curriculum, where our theme for the week is "God Promises to Help Me Do My Best". The children will be encouraged to depend upon God in all circumstances, and to rely upon God's strength to help them persevere when tasks are difficult. The new memory verse is **Philippians 4:13 "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."** The children have until Friday to recite the verse to me.

We will continue working on concepts from Topic 11 in math and take a test on the chapter on Wednesday. Your child should understand the main concept of seeing numbers from 11-19 as 10 + another number. For example, 13 is 10 + 3. 17 is 10 + 7. We have been working with our ten frames and counters to help us understand the concept with concrete materials and manipulatives before moving to the abstract concept. Keep reinforcing and practicing this at home.



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we will be starting a very special social studies project on Monday. PLEASE SEND ME A PICTURE OF YOUR CHILD AS A BABY, A TODDLER, A PRESCHOOLER, AND A KINDERGARTNER, PLUS A FAMILY PHOTO. PHOTOS SHOULD NOT BE LARGER THAN 3" x 5". I will return the photos to you in the booklet we are making. It

is called "All About Me". I would like each student to have photos to use in his/her booklet, so please send in the pictures by Monday so we can get started on this project. Thanks!



Even though spring is on the way it is still very COLD outside at recess every day. PLEASE be sure your child has a hat, gloves or mittens, boots, and even a scarf to handle the snow, ice, and cold temperatures. We go outside if the temperature is 20 degrees or higher and the children play for 25 minutes. Be sure your child is dressed for the weather on any given day so he is comfortable outdoors at recess.

Our next Kindergarten Star of the Week will be Taelynn Clarke.

Next Thursday morning the Toledo Zoo Ed van will be visiting our classroom to present a program on animal coverings. The children will gain a new appreciation for the wisdom of our wonderful Creator as they handle biofacts and learn about creatures in the wild. This hands-on science lesson will provide great dinner table conversation!

Attention, Parents!!! Our Letter People party is coming up on Friday, March 8, and we need lots of helping hands! Mrs. Schoen is the chairman of the planning committee. If you can come to school that day between approximately 9:00 and 2:30 to prepare food, set up, and help during the party, please notify Mrs. Schoen ASAP. Also, remember that your child will come to school that day dressed in a costume for the party. More details will be coming in next week's newsletter, so watch for more information. We need adequate helpers in the classroom to make this wonderful day a success. This can count towards your volunteer service hours.

Have a terrific weekend with your family!

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