

# Mrs. Tropf's Newsletter

February 28, 2013

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

God certainly has surprised us the past few weeks with the weather! The two hour delays and snow days have caused all of us to practice flexibility. I feel like I'm still "playing catch-up" after being ill and having days off last week. Pray that we will all be diligent now and work hard as third quarter draws to a close next Friday.

I can hardly believe that only about three months of kindergarten with your child remain! This year is passing by all too quickly and first grade will soon be looming on the horizon. Your children are precious and a joy to work with. Each day brings new accomplishments and a sense of "I can do it!". Please continue to stress to your child the importance of being a good listener and doing his/her best work every day in school. This discipline promotes good character, which pleases not only Mom and Dad, but God as well. Thank you for the privilege of teaching your most precious possession--your child. Keep us all in your prayers as we work, grow, and learn together.

Here is a glimpse of our studies for next week, followed by some very important information and announcements. Read on!

## Bible

We will be reviewing the main ideas and memory verses from the past quarter because third quarter ends next Friday, March 8. If your child did not pass any memory verse this quarter, next week is his chance to say the verse for me. We are reviewing the following Bible verses:

Matthew 1:21 Isaiah 9:6 Matthew 6:8  
II Samuel 22:4 Philippians 4:13 Galatians 6:9

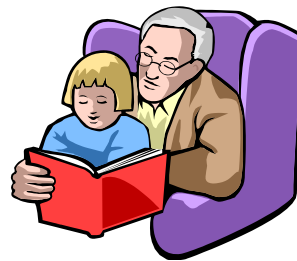
## Phonics

Here is the list of sight words for the month of March:

**MAY THEM WERE GIVE ANY STOP  
ASK HAS NOW ONCE WHEN THEN  
SOME LET HAD**

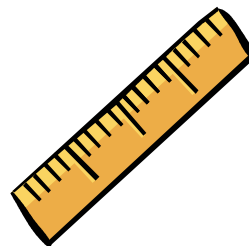
Please continue to work on sight words at home. The more words your child knows by the end of the year, the better prepared he will be to start first grade. I will evaluate each child near the end of kindergarten to see how many sight words he can read correctly.

Review the Letter People regularly and especially work on the Letter Lights (short vowel sounds) like a, e, i, o, and u. It is still tricky for some of us to distinguish these sounds in the middle of words. We are spelling three letter words and working on blend and digraphs th, sh, ch, and wh. Consistent review and practice at home with blending and reading words aloud will benefit your child greatly.



## Math

Next week we begin Topic 12 "Measurement". The children will learn how to describe objects by more than one attribute, compare objects by length, use problem solving skills, and compare objects by height. At home you can reinforce concepts from this new chapter by allowing your child to use household objects and compare them by length or height. Put a knife, fork, and spoon on the table and ask your child to tell which object is the tallest and which is the shortest. Have your child line up stuffed animals and arrange them in order from the shortest to the tallest. Make it a game, make it fun, and keep it short. Math can be fun and educational at the same time!



## Science

This week we studied differences in the sky during the daytime and nighttime. We talked about the sun, the stars, and the phases of the moon. We are also talking about the weather and continue to track weather on our weather chart. We will do this project for at least three weeks. Your junior meteorologists are doing a great job with their weather charts! We will also learn about the different kinds of weather in spring, summer, fall, and winter.

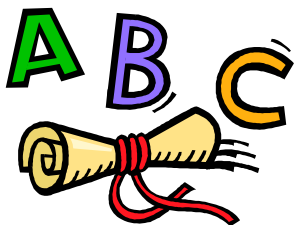
## Social Studies

In this social studies unit the children will learn more about sequencing with ideas like first, next, and last and calendar words such as yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We will discuss changes that occur from day to day and changes that occur over longer periods of time. We'll review our math calendar skills and talk about days, weeks, and months on a calendar. Your child should be able to recite the twelve months of the year in order by now and associate the major holidays with the months in which they occur.



## **LETTER PEOPLE PARTY--NEXT FRIDAY, MARCH 8 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

THE BIG DAY is fast approaching!! Please notify Mrs. Beth Schoen if you can help in the classroom that day or if you would like to donate any supplies or goodies for the treat bags. There are many ways you can be involved and donate for this special memorable event. The children will come to school in their costumes and will not need a snack, lunch, or drink that day. We are having a special Letter People Luncheon to begin the festivities. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Schoen or me ASAP.



Our next Star of the Week will be Dawson Cross. Dawson did not get to have an interview the week of February 18 due to the holiday, my illness, and the snow day, so I am giving him another chance to be our star. Cuddles wants to visit with Dawson, too.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

There is no school on Monday, March 18, due to parent - teacher conferences held from 3:00-6:00 P.M. that day. I will contact families with whom I need to meet. These are not mandatory conferences for everyone.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS!!

In honor of this great children's author's birthday on March 2, our class will hold a celebration tomorrow and have a special "Seuss Day" in kindergarten. The children will learn about the real man behind the whimsical creatures like The Cat in the Hat and Horton the elephant. Your sons and daughters will participate in fun activities, hear famous Seuss classics, enjoy a snack based on a Seuss book (not green eggs and ham, by the way!), and celebrate the joys of these entertaining rhyming stories. It is sure to be a day of fun and learning your child will talk about at the dinner table!

Have a terrific winter weekend with your kindergartner and don't forget to spend some time together enjoying a good book with some hot chocolate!

Winter blessings,  
Mrs. Tropf

P.S. Scholastic book club orders and money are due by Monday, March 11.