

Mrs. Tropf's Newsletter

March 14, 2013

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Last Friday we had a wonderful Letter People party. Did your kindergartner tell you about all the exciting activities that took place throughout the day? We enjoyed a delicious luncheon filled with Letter People foods, made the picture frames and name bracelets, spelled words with alphabet cereal, and played Letter People Bingo. The children looked terrific in their costumes and the elementary classes gave us a warm, enthusiastic welcome when we visited their rooms during the parade. It was a special day of making fun Letter People memories!! A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Beth Schoen, chairman of the planning committee, for all her hard work planning and organizing the activities for the party. A special thanks to all of you who donated food for the luncheon, treat bags and goodies, craft supplies, and your time helping in the morning or during the party in the afternoon. Thank you for blessing my students and making the day so special and memorable!

Bible

I will depart from our regular Bible curriculum for two weeks so I can tell the Easter story from the Bible the week before and after spring break. The children will learn about Passover, Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, Peter's denial of Christ, the betrayal by Judas, the Last Supper, the crucifixion, and the events following the resurrection. Next week I'll be using one of my favorite Easter stories as a supplement with the class. I'll be reading *Benjamin's Box* and using the Resurrection Eggs to tell the Biblical account of Holy Week and the resurrection as recorded in the Gospels. It is a moving story the children will enjoy and remember beyond Easter time.

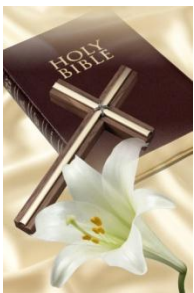
Math

We will begin a new chapter called "Sorting, Classifying, Counting, and Categorizing Data". The children will be exploring the concept of same and different, learn to sort the same set in different ways (by size, shape, color), and learn to sort by more than one attribute. The following week we will work with graphs such as picture graphs and bar graphs. **A look ahead:** Your child will need to count orally to 100 by 1's, 5's, and 10's, randomly identify numbers from 1-100, and be able to write the numbers from 1-100 on a hundreds chart. I will evaluate the children in late April and early May to see how they are progressing with these skills, which will be evaluated on the final report card. You may want to start practicing over spring break.

Language Arts

Since April is around the corner I'll give you the sight word list for the new month of April:
**INTO RIDE NOW PLEASE WENT WILL
YES SAW SOON TOO WELL UNDER
WANT WHITE AN**

Consistent, regular review will help your child retain the words and aid quick recognition when drilling and reviewing the words. Don't forget to go back to the September word list and work on the months from September through April so the old word lists are not forgotten. The children will be tested on the word ring words after break to see how they are progressing with the sight words. Please try to work on the words over break and then return the word rings on Tuesday, April 2, when school resumes. I will keep adding the high frequency words we use in the decodable readers so your child can practice the words at home with you.



Science

We will finish our five senses unit by studying the sense of taste. On Tuesday next week we will have a tasting party and your kindergartner will use his taste buds to experience some sweet, sour, salty, and bitter foods. We will wrap up the unit before Easter break. I am hoping to have a blind friend of mine visit the class sometime in April and tell about her life as a blind person. This special visit will be the culmination of our five senses unit. Watch upcoming newsletters for details about Miss Betty.

Star of the Week

Our next kindergarten Star of the Week will be Michael Paul.



Resurrection Party

Our Easter party will be held on the afternoon of Friday, March 22--NEXT FRIDAY !!!!! Mrs. Seiler is the chairman for this party, so contact her ASAP if you can donate supplies or goodies for the treat bags, or if you would like to help in the classroom the afternoon of the party. The party will run from approximately 1:15-2:30.

**Happy
Easter**

Principal Pal Awards

Congratulations to two students receiving the Principal Pal Award for March. Luke Schoen is receiving the award for Alertness and Evan Harvey is receiving the award for Sensitivity. Luke and Evan will be treated to a pizza lunch with Mrs. Gioiella on Friday, March 22. Congratulations, Luke and Evan!!



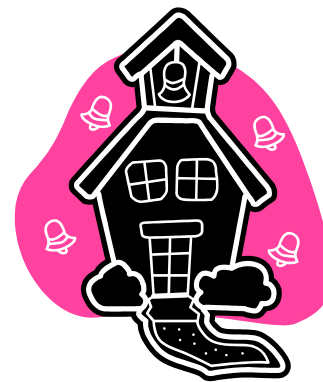
A look ahead:

No school on Monday due to parent-teacher conferences. School resumes on Tuesday.

Spring break: March 25-April 1

Final Field Trip

On Friday, April 19, our class will join Mrs. Hackett's class for a field trip to Wildwood Metropark to visit Oak Grove School. The children will step back in time and enjoy a living history presentation in the one room school house. They will also learn about old fashioned toys and games children used in the late 1800's. This field trip correlates to our recent social studies unit on the past and changes over time. The trip will be paid for out of the class activity fund and adults driving will be admitted for free. Please consider driving for this trip and help us with transportation one last time this year. It's a great field trip and one you adults will enjoy as well. More details will be coming in future newsletters, but mark April 19 on your calendar and save the day for this wonderful educational and fun experience.



Have a great weekend and enjoy the birds singing in the morning and the longer hours of daylight. Spring is just around the corner---Praise the Lord!

Yours in His service,
Mrs. Tropf