

Mrs. Tropf's Newsletter

March 7, 2013

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

It's hard to believe that third quarter ends tomorrow! Then we begin the "home stretch" of kindergarten. I hope you are encouraged with the growth and progress you see in your child. Pray that God will continue to teach your little one character-building lessons as the children learn and we build kindergarten memories together. It is a joy and privilege to work with your child!

Bible

Next week we will look at Jesus as our example of how to love others and put them first, instead of being selfish and trying to please ourselves. The children will learn a song about **J-O-Y** (Jesus, Others, You) and hear the Bible story of Jesus healing the blind man. Our new memory verse is **John 15:12 "Love each other as I have loved you."** The children should be prepared to recite the verse to me by Friday.

Phonics

Help your child remember the "special sounds" of th, sh, ch, and wh. We are working on blends such as dr, tr, br, bl, sl, sw, sk, sn, sp, st, cr, cl, sn, sk, fr, fl, gr, and gl. Review the sound often with your child and work on short vowel sounds in the middle of words also. We have been spelling three and four letter short vowel words in a game with magnetic letters. The children are also writing words on paper now. We will be learning about long vowels next. If your child is struggling with the short vowels (Letter Lights) please practice faithfully until he has mastered the sounds and can hear them in the middle of words. Continue to drill the sight words from the monthly list and the sight word ring. After spring break I will have each child read the word ring to me and see how many words he knows. The children should know all the words on the ring by now and be able to say them quickly and accurately. Thank you so much for the time and effort you put into helping your child develop these reading skills. It will pay off in the long run and be worth every ounce of effort! **Please keep the word rings at home until April 2 when we return from spring break, then send them to school in the plastic purse. I'll add new words that week. Thanks so much!**

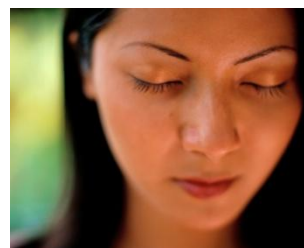
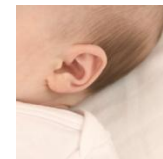
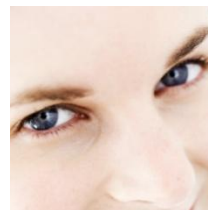
Math

We will continue working on Chapter 12 on measurement. The class will compare objects by height, learn about capacity and how much containers can hold, and compare objects by weight. On Friday we will take a test on the chapter.



Science

Next week I will begin a differentiated instruction unit on the five senses. It is a great learning experience for your child as we explore our senses through videos, learning center activities, games, hands-on science experiments, stories, finger plays and rhymes, and more. Hopefully your kindergartner will gain a new appreciation for the way God created his body. He is fearfully and wonderfully made! Psalm 139:1



Odds and Ends

Our next Star of the Week will be Brittney Moore.

There will be no school on Monday, March 18, due to parent-teacher conferences.

Don't forget to turn in your reading log sheets for January and February.

Scholastic Book Club orders and money are due on **MONDAY, MARCH 11.**

Congratulations to Audrey Wolniewicz for passing Level 1 of the Reading Eagles program.

Congratulations to Grace Fortney and Rachel Donkor for passing Level 2 of the Reading Eagles program. I appreciate the diligence and hard work of these young ladies.

BOX TOPS CONTEST RESULTS

A big thank you to everyone who sent in Box Tops for our winter contest. Mrs. Ashbaucher said it was a very tight race among three classes and our class finished in a close second place by only a 20 point difference. We were pleased with this strong finish and the children really enjoyed the homemade chocolate chip cookies Mrs. Ashbaucher brought them on Monday. Start collecting Box Tops for our final contest of the year. This will be a big one!

Letter People Party

Tomorrow is the big day we've all been looking forward to for a long time. The Letter People are very excited, too!! Please remember to send your child to school in his costume for the entire day. No uniforms, please!!! Don't send a snack or lunch tomorrow because the festivities include a wonderful Letter People luncheon to kick off the day's events. Our special activity stations and Letter People parade will take place in the afternoon and conclude by 2:30.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

I will be contacting you if I feel we need to meet for a conference on March 18. I may call some of you and have a brief phone conference so I can update you on your child's academic progress this past quarter.

Have a blessed weekend with your child and spend some quality time in God's house on Sunday.

In the Master's service,
Mrs. Tروف

