

Mrs. Tropf's Newsletter

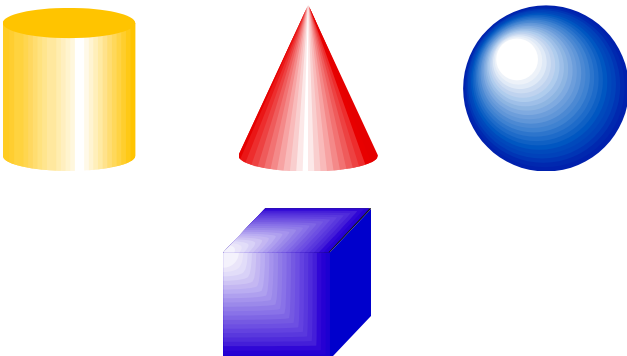
April 18, 2013

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Life has been very, very busy in Mrs. Tropf's class as my little authors and illustrators have been working hard on their stories for Young Authors Night. If nothing else, we are all learning lessons about determination and perseverance! The children had a language arts unit recently called "Stick To It" and we discussed not giving up on a job, but working hard until it is done and done well. This long term writing project has given us the opportunity to practice endurance. Parents, don't forget to help your child practice reading his story in the next two weeks so he is comfortable reading it by himself on May 2 in front of an audience. We will also practice in class with our friends.

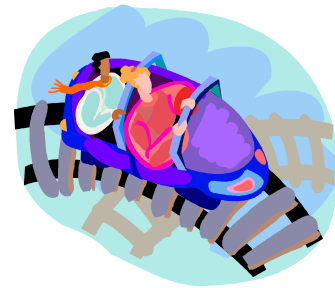
Next week in Bible we will discuss the importance of honesty and how wrong it is to tell a lie. The children will hear the story of Jesus before Pilate. **Our new memory verse is John 14:6: "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.'"** The children need to be prepared to recite the memory verse to me by next Thursday.

In math we will review rectangles, squares, circles, triangles, and hexagons before exploring solid figures. Why not go on a shape hunt around your house and see how many of these shapes you and your child can find? Perhaps your kindergartner will want to graph the various shapes he finds---a great follow-up to our previous chapter. In this current chapter the children will also learn about solid shapes like cones, cylinders, cubes, and spheres. They will take a chapter test next Friday. Just a reminder: Your child should be able to count to 100 by 1's, 5's, and 10's orally and also write the numbers 1-100 on a hundreds chart before the middle of May. I'll be testing the children on these skills.



I am starting grade card evaluations. Check the January report card to see the areas that were not evaluated or any areas that needed improvement. Those are the areas I will focus on for this semester's evaluation. I will test the children on the SRA sight words soon. Before the end of the school year I will be calling each family to have a phone conference. At that time I will go over your child's report card and give ideas for summer enrichment, as well as address any concerns you may have about first grade.

We are approaching the month of May with lots of announcements and important information coming home to you. Please read my newsletters carefully so you are aware of dates, deadlines, and special events for your student before the end of the year sneaks up on us. It is coming fast and furious, so fasten your seatbelt and hang on!!!



Tomorrow is our field trip to Wildwood Metropark for our living history lesson. The weather will probably be rainy and chilly, so dress your child accordingly. **DRIVERS, PLEASE BRING UMBRELLAS FOR YOUR CARPOOL GROUP. DRIVERS NEED TO MEET OUTSIDE MY CLASSROOM AT 9:30 FOR A BRIEF MEETING BEFORE WE LEAVE FOR THE PARK.** Remember that your child is allowed to wear casual/play clothes and must bring a sack lunch and drink. We will be eating lunch at the park. Please put your child's name on the lunch sack. Thanks so much!



Our next (and final) Kindergarten Star of the Week will be Evan Harvey. Thanks, Evan, for patiently waiting for your turn!!

Congratulations to three students who are receiving the April Principal Pal Award: Faith townsend is receiving the award for Flexibility; Audrey Wolniewicz is receiving the award for Availability; Taelynn Clarke is receiving the award for Deference. They will enjoy a pizza lunch with Mrs. Gioiella on Friday, April 26. Congratulations, gals!

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS:

- 1. Scholastic Book Club orders and payments are due on Tuesday, April 23.*
- 2. Please return the forms I sent home this week regarding our rehearsal on May 30 in the morning. I need to know who is picking your child up that day at 11:00.*
- 3. My blind friend, Miss Betty, is visiting our class on May 9.*
- 4. Young Authors Night is May 2.*
- 5. Please look over the form I sent home about earning more service hours and contact me if you would like to volunteer for any of those jobs.*
- 6. My class Teddy Bear Picnic is Friday, May 24. You won't want to miss this wonderful event! It will begin around 11:15 and conclude at 2:15. Make plans now to attend and celebrate with your son or daughter. More details to come in a future newsletter, so stay tuned...*
- 7. Our kindergarten field day is on Wednesday, May 29, from 9:30-11:30. You are welcome to come and watch the events and then take your child home for the remainder of the day.*
- 8. Our last day of school is May 30. The children will come to school at the normal time and rehearse in the morning for our spring program and graduation. They will be dismissed to go home at 11:00. Students will need to be back at school that night at 6:30 to prepare for the program, which will begin promptly at 7:00.*



I know this is another lengthy newsletter, but I needed to share this important information so that some of you can make arrangements at work to get time off to attend these special events. May is packed with fun, exciting milestones in our kindergarten journey and I want to give you every opportunity to participate with your child if at all possible.

Have a great weekend of rest, work, and play and enjoy a meaningful day in God's house on Sunday.

Spring blessings,
Mrs. Tروف

