

Mrs. Tropf's Newsletter

April 25, 2013

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Last Friday we enjoyed a wonderful day of learning about life in the late 1800's. Despite the chilly, rainy weather, your children had a great field trip to the one room school house at Wildwood Metropark. They stepped back in time to have an hour of school with their school marm, Miss Osgood, and participate in activities such as writing on slates, learning about the old fashioned items in the school room, sitting at the recitation bench, and reciting the original version of the Pledge of Allegiance. In the first session, the children really had fun playing with the old fashioned toys and games. They discovered first-hand that boys and girls long ago had fun without electronic toys!!!



This week I added the final group of sight words to the word ring. Next week I will begin testing the children on their sight words for the end of the year grade. **Please turn in all sight words and the plastic purse on Monday, May 6, so I can inventory everything. Thanks so much!**

Listed below are the sight words for May:
FIND JUMP LITTLE FUNNY SAY CAME
FOUR NEW ATE EAT MUST PRETTY
RAN DID GET

Next week in Bible the children will learn about forgiveness and hear the story about the Prodigal Son from Luke 15. Our new memory verse is **Colossians 3:13: "Forgive as the Lord forgave you."** Verses are due by Friday at the latest. Please continue to work on Psalm 100 at home also because the children will recite it at our spring program in May. Thanks so much for all your efforts at home to help your child succeed.

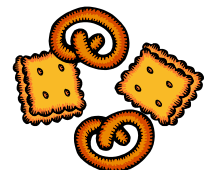


In math next week we start a new chapter on position and location of shapes. We will focus on vocabulary words like *inside, outside, behind, in front of, above, below, on, left, right*. Does your child know left from right with confidence? Don't forget to practice counting to 100 by 1's, 5's, and 10's. We will also practice counting by 2's to 100 at a later date. The children will soon be filling in a hundreds chart in class also.

Congratulations to our Principal Pal recipient for the month of May. I am awarding this early because the luncheon conflicts with the date of our Teddy Bear Picnic in May. Liam Geggus is receiving the award for Courage and will join the April group being recognized TOMORROW with a pizza lunch with Mrs. Gioiella. Good job, Liam!

Congratulations to our class and Mrs. Hackett's for winning the contest for Hannah's Socks!!!! The reward is a jeans day, which will take place next Friday, May 3. There is no fee involved since it is the prize for winning the sock contest. Way to go, mighty kindergartners!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Quite a few of you sent in snacks for our class recently. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!! I appreciate your prompt response to meet a need in the classroom. Now the hungry tummies can be satisfied at snack time each day. Thanks for your generous donations.



Make plans now to join us next Thursday evening at 6:30 for Young Authors Night and the ice cream social to follow. Your children worked very hard on their stories and are excited to share them with you.

Check last week's newsletter for the calendar of events coming up in May. Don't forget to return the form regarding our early dismissal after the morning rehearsal on May 30. Watch upcoming newsletters for details on all the big events.

Have a wonderful spring weekend!

In the bond of His love,
Mrs. Tropf

