

Mrs. Tropf's Newsletter

May 2, 2013

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Last Monday I received a wonderful surprise in my mailbox at school. There was a letter from the lady who was our "school marm" for the field trip to the Oak Grove School at Wildwood on April 19. I know many of you parents were there that day and witnessed the session in the one room school house, but I wanted everyone to see a copy of the letter our teacher wrote to the children and me. I was so proud of your boys and girls for being so well behaved during our field trip!!! We had prayed about that during the week because I wanted them to be a good witness for Christ and for TCS while we were on our field trip. I thank God for answering our prayers. I shared the letter with the children and they were very excited that the teacher had noticed their good behavior. That really started our week on a positive note!!!!



Tonight is the big night: **YOUNG AUTHORS NIGHT!!** *Please bring your child to our classroom first to pick up his/her story book before proceeding to the third floor classrooms. The room assignments will be posted outside the classrooms so you know where to report.* At the conclusion of the classroom session you are invited to the cafeteria for the ice cream social.



You can tell the end of the year is just around the corner when we start to finish things in our kindergarten curriculum and program. We have finished our social studies curriculum and will soon finish our math curriculum. We had our last field trip of the year two weeks ago when we visited Oak Grove School. Our Star of the Week program is complete and everyone has received the Principal Pal Award at some point during this school year. Are you counting the days of school we have left? There are only 19!!!!!! This school year is rapidly winding down and the remaining days will pass very quickly. I am daily reminding the children that our rules must still be obeyed and we must continue to show self-control. I often tell them that we are practicing for first grade, where they will have the same rules and guidelines. Please encourage your son or daughter to be a good listener and obey our classroom rules every day. I want to discourage "spring fever" and encourage good work habits until the very end. Keep us in prayer in the busy days ahead. We all need to please Jesus by finishing strong.

Next week in Bible we will focus on sharing as a way to show God's love to other people. The children will hear the famous story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 and then participate in a variety of fun activities throughout the week to reinforce the concept of sharing. Our new memory verse is **Hebrews 13:16: "Do not forget to do good and to share with others."** Verses are due by Thursday.

The sight word ring must be returned to me on **MONDAY, MAY 6!!!!** I need to inventory the pieces and store them for next year. Next week your children will be tested on all the words on the ring. Please practice at home to be sure your child knows the words and can say them quickly. This will be a graded assignment that will be on the report card, so please prepare your child.

Congratulations to Audrey Wolniewicz for passing Level 2 of the Reading Eagles program. Congratulations to Grace Fortney for passing Level 3 in Reading Eagles. Great job, Audrey and Grace! Remember to keep reading over the summer and turn your paper work in when school starts in August. Thanks for all your hard work this year!!!!

Next Thursday morning your children will meet a very special friend of mine. My blind friend, Miss Betty, will visit the class and do a wonderful presentation on the five senses. Betty will share her personal story and testimony during the lesson. Hopefully your child will have a new appreciation for his sense of sight and also develop compassion for the handicapped. This will be not only a hands-on science lesson, but also a lesson on people with disabilities and how to help them.

Several special events are coming up soon. On **Friday, May 24**, my class will have its annual **Teddy Bear Picnic**. Students must be in school the entire day, so children will come to school at the normal time and be dismissed after 2:00. If parents are present at the picnic children may leave before 2:45 with their parents. Children whose parents cannot attend the picnic will go to carpool or aftercare at the regular dismissal time. Our special Teddy Bear events are scheduled from approximately 11:15-2:15 and parents are encouraged to join us for that time frame. Children are permitted to wear casual/play clothes on the day of the picnic. Each child should choose his/her favorite teddy bear from home to decorate or dress up and bring to school the day of the picnic. A fun activity is planned for your child and his/her bear. It promises to be a great memory! Come join us at 11:15 in the classroom and we'll prepare for our picnic lunch at 11:30. Remember to bring a sack lunch and drink for you and your child that day. (You might want to bring blankets and lawn chairs for the picnic time outdoors, weather permitting.) If you cannot come, your child may invite a grandparent or special relative to come in your place that day. I am asking that no siblings attend because this is a very special for just you and your kindergartner to enjoy together. Mrs. Seiler is in charge of planning this event, so contact her ASAP if you would like to help in any way or donate materials for the activity stations or treat bags.



On Wednesday, May 29, our two kindergarten classes will combine to have a field day outdoors. There will be fun races and outdoor competitions for the children. Parents are encouraged to come watch the fun and cheer on their young athletes. The children may wear play clothes and tennis shoes to school that day because of the outdoor games and activities we'll have planned. Children will come to school at the normal time in the morning. We still need parent volunteers to run the game stations and supervise the children the morning of field day. Children may go home with their parents after the morning events.



Our end-of-the-year celebration and **final day of kindergarten is Thursday, May 30**. We will practice in the gymnasium from 9:00-11:00 A.M. Children will return to the school at 6:30 that evening and the program will begin promptly at 7:00. Children may wear casual clothes in the morning for the rehearsal, but need to wear their "Sunday best" for the evening performance. No uniforms, jeans, or play clothes at the evening graduation program!!! Following the spring musical program there will be a kindergarten graduation program, with presentations from the teachers, a charge from Mrs. Gioiella, and a special surprise for parents. Come and help us celebrate your child's milestones and accomplishments during this year of spectacular growth in kindergarten. You won't want to miss this wonderful event.



Have a terrific weekend with your Young Author and enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of springtime. Aren't you thankful for your five senses during this beautiful season of the year? I surely am!

Spring blessings,
Mrs. Tropf

