

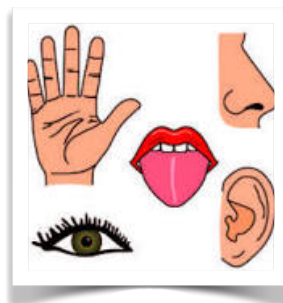
Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

English Language Arts

This week we have read many books related to our "All About Me/Five Senses" unit. The Bill Martin Jr./ Eric Carle book, Polar Bear Polar Bear and I Went Walking are quickly becoming favorites.

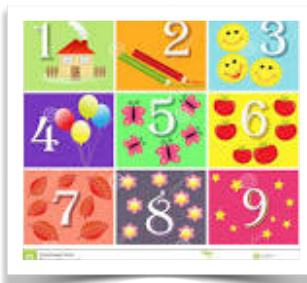
We discovered last week that the letter Aa has two different sounds and we have been trying to use this knowledge during writing workshop. This week we studied the consonants, m, s and t. The children worked in small groups with me using our sand, felt paper and glue letters to explore sounds and letter formation. We made words like, at, am, sat and mat. Three alphabet projects were available for the children to make. Some made a stop signal while others sorted pictures that began with t or m and were then glued on a turtle or monkey. We also had a great time learning about our sense of taste. The children enjoyed learning their tongue picks up sweet, sour, salty and bitter tastes in different areas on the tongue. We used our sense of taste



to figure out what was in different containers since our other senses weren't enough to identify the substances. The children were amazed to discover that although two ingredients look very similar, they can have very different tastes. We captured sound waves in a tube and watched as they made our rice dance. The week ended with the children making awesome Christopher Columbus scenes in honor of the upcoming holiday. They look great in our hallway!

Math

The children continue to explore the different math manipulatives we have in the room. We played a new game called the Tens Game which is already a favorite. The children stand in a circle and count in order one at a time from one to ten. When a child lands on ten they sit down. Play continues until only one child is left standing. The pattern is different each time we play which makes it exciting! The children continue to enjoy the Guessing Jar and this week many children made interesting guesses. Today we counted the jar and figured out how many Smarties were inside. Ask your child for the total. Here are the new math activities your children started this week on their 2nd math center sheet; blobs, Spin a Number Game, unifix cubes, math books, hippo number matching, 5 senses sort, bug counting, sweet, sour and salty graphing and ceramic tiles. Our first monthly calendar came home yesterday. I hope you liked it. The October calendar makes a great Halloween decoration!



Bits and Pieces

First Friday

First Friday (Just for this month) is next week on **October 6th**. Please have your child wear the dress uniform with the school sweater. Dismissal is 12:15 PM.

Missing Sweater

Please take a look at your child's sweater. James Czick is missing his. His name is written inside. Thank you!

Morning Routines

Please make sure your child uses the bathroom before coming to school.

The Daily Pouch

Please check the pouch everyday for notes and write down schedule changes in the notebook. Thank you!

ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

HANDWRITING

Practicing m, s, and t.

GAMES

5 Senses Bingo

WRITING

Polar Bear Polar Bear
and Eensy Weensy
Spider booklets

POETRY NOTEBOOKS / LISTENING CENTER

"I Can Jump" and The
Five Senses

DISCOVERY

Texture hands using
different everyday items
to show various textures
on the fingertip of a
paper hand.

SCIENCE LAB

Sound experiment
capturing sound waves

MEET WITH MRS. ZIEMBA

Tasting cups and
alphabet work

SCIENCE LAB

Science journal 5 senses
pocket with vocabulary cards.

EXTRA FUN

Easels, Puzzles,
Independent/Buddy
Reading, Read Around
the Room, iPads.

Religion

We discussed God's gift of people. The children are learning about how unique each person is. They also think it is really cool that everyone in the world is part of God's family. We are taking a trip over to the church to "check it out" and become familiar with expectations when we are in God's house. We have been discussing ways they can participate during Mass so the entire experience becomes more meaningful to them. We look forward to participating in the school Mass next Friday. Today we read our second Promise magazine. This magazine gives us a better understanding of Sunday's Gospel reading.



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A Day Off

**Monday, October
9th.** Enjoy
Columbus day!

October Book Order

The
September book
box is on its way
from Scholastic.
Mrs. McShane has
assembled the
October forms
that came home
today. Please take
advantage of the
wonderful books if
you would like by
October 7th.
Thank you!

Trek For Tech

Monday is trek for
tech! Everyone is
looking forward to
walking. Students
should wear their
green shirts and
appropriate
bottoms with
sneakers.

Alphabet Fun

Have you every
had sticky,
marshmallow
taffy? We made
some today for the
letters Mm, Ss and
Tt. Ask your child
about it!

SHOES Please
make sure if your
child has regular
laces you put
something on
them so they stay
tied. If that isn't