

Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

English Language Arts

The sound cards for this week were, Knock on Door, ddd for the letter Dd, Gulping water, ggg for the letter Gg and Vacuum, vacuum, vvv for the letter Vv. Everyone had a choice to make a daisy for the letter Dd, a gum ball machine for the letter Gg or a vase with beautiful flowers



using water colors for the letter Vv. Our Fall Fun unit has quickly come to an end, but not before we had some more fun! We read many books this week, but I think two of the favorites were, The Big Toe and The Little Old Lady That Wasn't Afraid of Anything. We started an investigation in science this week with seeds. The children planted radish seeds and put them on the window sill. We are wondering how many days the seeds will take to sprout. I wet a paper towel, placed it in a plastic bag and put some seeds inside so the children can see

what will be happening in their soil. They are supposed to be watching my baggie for a root (which has already happened) but they are so excited to look at their cups every day they keep forgetting! Ultimately, we are trying to find out what plants really need to grow up healthy. We made beautiful fall trees to hang in our classroom since the bats are coming home so you can have them for Halloween. Today we taste tested some pumpkin products to end our Fall Fun unit. Ask your child which food they liked better, pumpkin munchkins, pumpkin butter or pumpkin cream cheese!

Math

We have continued to work with the numbers 6 through 10 by comparing and counting. Time has been spent practicing writing these numbers in the math book. The children have been working on a new math center sheet this week which may even be finished today! It has been full of Halloween math fun. At one center the children played the roll a witch game, while others made number groups of scary things on a haunted house. Some children counted balls on bats while still others matched different shapes on a haunted house. Our guessing jar had vanilla Tootsie Rolls in it this week. Ask your child for the total.



Literacy Pouch Reminders Please make sure your child works on the literacy activities for **three nights keeping it home** until your child returns the pouch with all the supplies inside on Thursday. The books in the pouches can be read every day. The game/ activity can also be completed multiple times. Make sure your child is doing their best coloring on the worksheets, using many colors. You can challenge your child to label pictures with words to step up the intensity of a worksheet. Your child can even extend practice on a given worksheet on the back creating their own examples etc. Thank you for helping your child return their pouch on time this week with everything inside.



Upcoming Dates

November 2nd First Thursday Mass~
dress uniform required. We will have Faith Families so no snack is necessary. We will dismiss at 12:15pm

Halloween

Your child is dressing **at home** in his/her Halloween costume on Tuesday morning (**October 31st**). If a prop is absolutely necessary, send it in a bag, but remind your child he/she will not be allowed to have it until the parade at 2:20pm. No weapons, scary costumes or masks. Please let me know if you have any questions. There is **no aftercare on Halloween.**

We are going to Mass on Wednesday, November 1st for All Saints Day but the **children can wear their casual uniforms.**

ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

ALPHABET PROJECT

Daisy or Gum ball machine, violet vases

POETRY NOTEBOOKS / LISTENING

"Firman the Fireman";
The Big Toe

DISCOVERY

I See a Scarecrow booklet

HANDWRITING

Writing: The Big Toe: Who does it belong to?
Handwriting capital and lower case Dd, Gg and Vv

GAMES AND CHOICES

Alphabet matching, watercolors, shaving cream, puzzles

ART FUN

Fall trees using ripped paper/ Boo! Who are you?

ABC CENTER

5 Little Pumpkins booklet, Words Their Way letter sort

MEETING WITH MRS. ZIEMBA

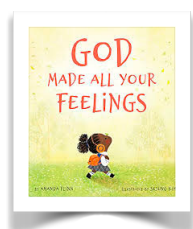
Alphabet activities and fall assessments

EXTRA FUN

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

Religion

During religion we have been discussing the feelings God has given us. We discussed how we are usually happy most of the time. Sometimes we feel sad, angry or nervous but these feelings don't stay around too long especially if we talk about them with someone we love. We finished up Good God Choices by talking about how to show empathy and how to be a good friend. We sang the Hail Mary at morning gathering on Thursday. As usual we went over the Gospel for this week with our Promise Magazine.



Bits and Pieces

NJ Wildlife Unit

We are beginning our NJ Wildlife Unit on Monday so feel free to send in NJ wildlife pictures. We will be using them for collages in our next unit. Any other materials you have on this topic are welcome!

Conferences

No School on Friday, November 10 for Parent-Teacher conferences. I'm looking forward to meeting with each of you for conferences. Please don't hesitate to let me know whenever you have a question or concern at any point. You don't have to wait for conferences.

Book Fair The book fair begins on November 6 to November 10. Hopefully you will have a chance to visit. We will go as a class and send the wish list home for you to pick.