

Kindergarten Connection

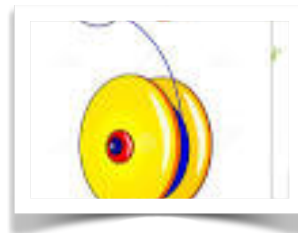
Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

English Language Arts

We turned over the last three consonant sound cards this week. The Xx sound card is called, pop bottle. The children use their hand and pretend they are opening a bottle. For the letter Yy the children pretend there is

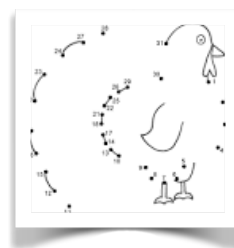


sticky stuff all over their hands and try and wipe it off by rubbing their hands together while saying yucky mess, yucky mess, yyy. The letter Zz card is called zipper, zipper, zzz and



the children pretend they are zipping a coat. Our unit about New Jersey Wildlife has been quite exciting! We had dry weather for our track trapping expedition on Wednesday. We gathered many types of vegetables, bread products and even a chicken

carcass as well as flour and set out to discover what kind of animals live outside our classroom. After we scouted out a place to set our trap the children placed the food on the ground and then sprinkled flour all around. As scientists know, not all experiments are successful, but we were hoping this one would be. Before we went out to check the trap on Thursday, the children created a foldable in writing workshop. They made a prediction about what kind of wildlife might leave footprints in our trap and recorded them on their foldable. Hopefully, you have already heard the results to this exciting expedition! This week we also read books about deer and learned many interesting facts about small woodland creatures. Our science journals are filled with many interesting facts about NJ wildlife as well as our beautiful animal collages.



Math

This week we have continued to focus on numbers to ten. The children have been making these numbers using 5 counter strips. Kindergarteners are working hard to realize they can count on from five which is quicker than starting at one. We had relay races in our classroom to learn about ordinal numbers. Who knew standing in line figuring out order could be so much fun! Hopefully the children will begin a new center sheet on Monday and will have the opportunity to work on the following activities; Turkey dot to dot, Silly Scarecrow counting paper using pattern blocks to build a scarecrow, Pop it addition game, Got It addition game, animal tracks number ordering and Turkey Dinner sorting and graphing. Tuesday, we sorted ourselves by our favorite NJ animal and then created our class graph. Ask your child which animal was first, second and third! We finally counted our Guessing jar by fives today. Hopefully, your child remembers the total!

Bits and Pieces

Thanksgiving Break

Please let me know if your child will not be in school on Wednesday before Thanksgiving break, so I can send home a card that is being made by your child
Thanks!

International Festival

Mark your calendars so you will be available to help at our International Festival on Tuesday, December 19th. Lots of countries will need help. The day is filled with fun. Maybe you would be willing to help decorate before the event if you can't stay for the event.

ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

POETRY NOTEBOOKS

"A Turkey"

ALPHABET PROJECT

Bear X-ray, yo-yo or zebra

MEET WITH MRS. ZIEMBA

Thanksgiving card and Weekly Reader

WRITING

Chipmunk book page

GAMES

Turkey Matching game

SCIENCE LAB

Animals in Winter sort

HANDWRITING CENTER

Children practice writing capital and lower case Xx, Yy, and Zz

ART FUN

Talking Squirrels

EXTRA FUN

Squeeze It- fine motor activity, Easels, Puzzles, Independent/ Buddy Reading, Play doh

Religion

In religion this week, we discussed our families. The children enjoyed thinking and talking about ways our families help us grow closer to God. We read the story about The Lost Son and the children know there is nothing they can do that will make their family stop loving them. All the children drew a picture of their family and realize families come in all different shapes and sizes. Everyone enjoyed a special presentation about our Lady of Guadalupe on Wednesday. We discussed our Promise magazine today.



Bits and Pieces

Next Week there will be **no newsletter or Literacy Pouches**. I will send home work folders on Tuesday so you can send them back on Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving!

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving! May God bless you and keep you safe as you celebrate with family and friends.

Special Requests

We have several events and the Gala basket coming up in the near future. Our room moms will be asking for many donations. Please be generous.

Scholastic Book Club The order form for December is in attached to the newsletter if you are interested in ordering books.

Advent begins on Sunday, December 3