

# Kindergarten Connection

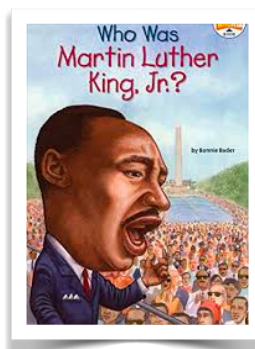
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## English Language Arts

We had busy full week since Christmas vacation in kindergarten! Our class has been working on a mini unit studying some wonderful African Americans who have helped change our world for the better. On Monday we read a book called, "Happy Birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King. Everyone was surprised to hear about all the very bad laws that separated people by the color of their skin. They were happy to learn that Martin along with other wonderful people were able to get the laws changed. The children wrote about ways to continue making the world a wonderful place to live. These ideas were glued to paper Martin Luther Kings the kids made and are on our bulletin board in the hallway. We watched a book on Youtube called, I Am Rosa Parks. The children



were amazed at all the different facts they learned about Rosa, ranging from, she was sick all the time as a child to how short she was. At centers, the children had the opportunity to read and color a booklet about Rosa Parks and competed a time line of Ruby Bridges' life. Ruby Bridges was a very brave little girl who led the way in the desegregation of schools in Georgia.



## Math

We started a new math center sheet this week. The children are working on the following activities: Before and After- Students roll dice and decide who has the bigger number then follow up the activity by filling in missing numbers on a penguin worksheet. Hidden numbers- Students use their sharp eyes to find numbers 0-9 hidden among insects. Hungry Caterpillar count and color sheet. Stack, Tell Spin and Win comparison number game. One Bright Monday Morning counting story and math journals. We counted the kisses that were in the guessing jar today so ask your child for the total! The first **Math Blaster homework** came home yesterday and is a review of concepts covered since the beginning of the year. It is meant as reinforcement and review of concepts presented at school and should be easily completed by your child with little adult assistance. If this isn't the case or your child is giving you a difficult time about completing the sheet please let me know. Please help your child develop good homework habits by having him/her return the Math Blaster on Friday morning. Have your child put the homework in their pouch unclipped so they can remove it at school and place it on the train table in the classroom.

Thanks in advance for your support with this activity.

**Literacy Pouches:** Thanks for taking such good care of the literacy pouches and helping your child complete the work so thoroughly! If you notice something is missing or broken please let me know as soon as possible so I can track the items down. Your notes will really help me out. Also please make sure you leave all the paperclips clipped to the direction cards.



## Bits and Pieces

### New Supplies Needed

It is the time of year the class needs new 12 or 18 color packs of **Mr. Sketch Twistable crayons if you feel like donating some**. Also, many markers are drying up. Please think about purchasing another pack of **Crayola Broadline Markers 10 colors**. Thank you!

### No School

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., there is no school on Monday, January 15. Literacy Pouches will come home on Tuesday. Please send them back on Thursday even if you can't get everything finished in the pouch.

### Bishop's Holiday

No school on Monday, February 12th!

I have a new 10 gallon fish tank up for grabs if anyone can use it but there is no lid. Let me know if you would like it.

## ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

### LISTENING

Martin Luther King Jr. write an interesting fact from the book and illustrate

### POETRY NOTEBOOK

Illustrated the poem "Martin Luther" highlighting peace and dream

### MEET WITH MRS. ZIEMBA

Capital and lower case Rr The Stone Sat reading activities

### MATH LAB

Color by number; Martin Luther King

### DISCOVERY

Marker coloring a message of peace

### WRITING

Rosa Parks booklet and Bus Project with fact writing

### ABC CENTER

Ruby Bridges Timeline

### ART FUN

Martin Luther King project and writing

### EXTRA FUN

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

## Religion

This week we have been talking about how God gives us loving people to help us. Our neighbors like firefighters, police, religious, teachers and many others help us to stay safe and grow in God's love. We know it is important to be grateful for all the love we have in our lives and to share it with those around us. We continue to work on our Ten Commandment song as well as The Lord's Prayer. Last Friday we made a picture with John the Baptist baptizing Jesus. The really cool part is that Jesus can move and be baptized in the water. As usual we focused on our Promise magazine today.



## Red Words (Tricky Words)

We worked on the red word "was" this week. The children really enjoy all our practice games to learn the word!

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### Upcoming Events

**Mother/Son Bowling** is on Sunday, January 21st at Oakwood Lanes. Join the fun if you're available!  
**The annual ICS Gala; "Passport to the World" Fund Raiser** is on Saturday, March 16th 6:00-11:00 PM at Fiddler's Elbow. This is a wonderful event that is very important to our school.

### 100 Days

The 100th day of school is quickly approaching! Attached to newsletter is some information regarding a special 100 day project. Please let me know if you have any questions. Pinterest is a great resource!  
**Most importantly the project doesn't come to school until the 100th day on February 9th barring any snow days.**