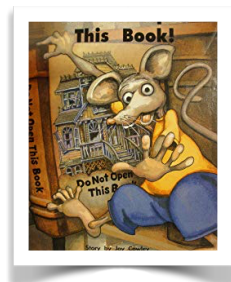


Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

English Language Arts

We have enjoyed focusing on the author, Joy Cowley this week. The children have met many interesting characters in her books. I think everyone loves the book, Mrs. Wishy-Washy especially when we act the story out. You can't go wrong with farm animals and mud! I brought a giant box in from home that we are turning into a tub for the animal. Another class favorite is The Meanies' Trick. The Meanies are mischievous creatures who play tricks on people. We also read, Do Not Open This Book! Right from the beginning of the story the children were mesmerized with the thought of being told not to turn the page because of a terrible, horrible scary thing found in the book. Ask your child what the scary thing was!



Literacy Pouches: I appreciate all the hard work the children have been doing on their homework and how responsible they are at getting it back to school on time. A gentle reminder is needed to follow the direction cards on each activity/paper. Please don't rely on the directions on the top of a given paper because they may not match my direction cards. Also, please don't spell for your children.

Encourage them to stretch out the words and write what they hear. Reminding them that every word has to have a vowel is great.

Math

The children had the opportunity to continue working on our center sheet with many addition and subtraction activities. We played, "Who Stole the Cookies From the Cookie Jar". We all had fun picking who stole the cookies next. The current centers include working on original cookie jars to show subtraction. Also, subtraction story problems are being completed in our math journals. Students are illustrating the story problems and then writing the subtraction equations with solutions for each.

Subtraction Race is becoming a new favorite among our classmates. Children play this game in pairs using a die to subtract cubes from a cube train and whoever runs out of all their cubes is the winner. Some other fun games are the snowman addition game and squash subtraction game using play-doh. The focus in our math books continues to be on addition and subtraction. We have also been learning about solid figures and exploring the concepts of faces and corners.



Bits and Pieces

Check your Calendars!

Student Led Portfolio

Conferences will be **during the week of May 13th**. An invitation from your child will be coming in the near future.

This is a fabulous event your child will want both parents at if possible!

No School

Monday, March 11th for the Elementary School. This is a K-8 teacher in-service day.

Gala Dress Down Day

for those who purchased a tee shirt is on Monday, March 18th.

Nico will be bringing donuts and fruit for his birthday during snack time on Monday.

ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

LISTENING

The Meanies Trick,
POETRY NOTEBOOKS
"5 Little Monsters"

UNDERCOVER

Cow, pig and duck
writing, Mrs. Wishy-
Washy stick puppets

MEET WITH MRS. ZIEMBA

Learning how to use
See Saw

WRITING

The Robber's Hat
sequencing based on
The Meanies Trick

GAMES

Mrs. Wishy-Washy's
tubs, Animal Addition
game

DISCOVERY

Giant Meanies, March
calendar

ABC CENTER

Mrs. Wishy-Washy word
match

ART FUN

Mrs. Wishy-Washy figure
and speech bubble,
cloze sentence from Mrs.
Wishy-Washy

EXTRA FUN

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

Religion

As you know, we have a lenten tree in our room that has many different kind acts the children can do during lent to grow closer to God. If you haven't seen a card come home encourage your child to pick one. We completed our Virtus protecting God's children program focusing on safe and unsafe touches. Since we had CAP just over a month ago, this was a good review of concepts covered during that program. Theology of the Body focused on our bodies being a gift from God and that boys and girls are different. We also explored how families begin and that mothers and fathers care for their children. We looked at the Promise magazine today so everyone is prepared for Mass on Sunday.



SPRING PICTURE DAY is on Thursday March 21st. This picture day is optional. If your child is going to have a spring picture taken they can wear whatever outfit you would like for the picture. Regular uniform should be worn if your child is not having a picture taken. Please order at Life Touch online with the following code Picture Day ID: EVTZ692ZN

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The Gala is March 16th! Please think about attending this important fund raiser.

Penny Wars

Our penny wars support our church Lenten initiative benefitting Catholic Relief Services through Operation Rice Bowl. The class with the most points wins. So get ready to dig out all those coins laying around your house so you can help kindergarten win Penny Wars! Below is the important information needed to help our class gain points as well as how we can take away points from other classes!

POSITIVE POINTS

These coins and bills are the ones we want for our kindergarten jar
EACH PENNY = +1 POINT
\$1 BILL = +100 POINTS
\$5 BILL = +500 POINTS
\$10 BILL = +1.000 POINTS

NEGATIVE POINTS

These coins go into other classes' jars
* NICKEL = -5 POINTS
DIME = -10 POINTS
QUARTER = -25 POINTS

Please remember to check your child's daily pouch every day and remove any papers that have been sent home.