

Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

English Language Arts

We have had the best time reading many of the books Joy Cowley has written. This week we read, Sploshy-Sploshy, Mud Walk and Dishy Washy. We also spent time rereading some of our favorites from last week because we used several books in centers. Everyone worked really hard to complete a story map for the book, Mrs. Wishy-Washy. The children have become very knowledgeable about literature. They gather valuable information from pictures within a story and use context clues to help when

they are trying to figure out unfamiliar words. AWESOME! The tub we made to use in our Mrs. Wishy-Washy skits is fantastic! We used the Promethean board to research one of our favorite authors, Joy Cowley. We went to her official web site and learned many interesting facts about her. Joy Cowley has written over 600 books, lives in New Zealand and has many grandchildren and even great grandchildren!



Math

The children enjoyed playing the Tens game during the week, but when we played this time, we counted by tens and the children who said 100 on their turn sat down. Everyone is busy working on the center sheet from last week and are really enjoying the addition and subtraction games that help them practice their facts. There were mini Tootsie Pops in the guessing jar. Ask your child for the total!



We will be having a big St. Patrick's Day snack on Friday, March 15 so there is no need for a snack that day. Thank you to the Tetreault family for providing the cream cheese and bagels. I also want to thank Rebecca Sierputowski for helping me with the Dr. Seuss snacks last week.

Red/Tricky Words

We continue to work on the tricky word "saw". The children are also practicing the word "like" which we have a cheer for. Ask your child to say it for you. We need lots of review as we try to incorporate all the tricky words we are learning in our everyday writing.

Bits and Pieces

Penny Wars

Our penny wars support our church Lenten initiative benefitting Catholic Charities Guatemala Scholarship Program. 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

No School Monday, March 11th for the Elementary School. Teacher inservice day.

ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

MEET WITH MRS. ZIEMBA

Vowel tent work short e dictation

DISCOVERY/ LISTENING CENTER

Mrs. Wishy-Washy, Shamrocks

MATH LAB

Math Polling tallying survey: Do you like mud?

WRITING

The Robber's Hat, writing capital and lower case Ff and Gg

GAMES

Mrs. Wishy-Washy concentration

POETRY NOTEBOOK

"Mud"

ABC CENTER

Word sort with ow words Scrubbing Machine with op words

ART FUN

The Meanies counting by tens

EXTRA FUN

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

Religion

The lenten tree has gotten some action in our room this week. Hopefully you are noticing the different kind acts the children are doing during lent to grow closer to God. Your child can pick one in the morning and work on it at home for a few days. Once they complete the extra special acts of kindness and good deeds, they bring the card back to school. The chapter in our religion book this week is called, "Jesus celebrates". The children learned that as the people of God we celebrate in lots of different ways. We also discovered that Jesus celebrated God's love and he invites us to do the same. The children became aware that Jesus is with us in a special way when we gather at Mass to celebrate God's love. We made our own shamrocks with symbols representing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As usual, everyone enjoyed Faith Families yesterday. The children learned about St. Patrick. Promise magazine was looked at today so everyone is prepared for Mass on Sunday.



Bits and Pieces

Summer Birthdays

Summer birthday children can pick a day from now until the end of the year to celebrate their birthday, but please let me know in advance so I can make sure it is a good day.

The Gala is next Saturday, March 16th! Hope to see you there

SPRING PICTURES

Thursday, March 21: **Spring Pictures** - To order pictures go to mylifetouch.com - use Picture Day ID below: School Name: Immaculate Conception School Picture Day Date: Thursday, March 21 Picture Day ID: EVTZ692ZN This is a non-uniform picture.

Yearbook Orders

The deadline to **order a yearbook** is March 30! Order online at ybpay.com with the yearbook ID Code: 4503724n