

# Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

## English Language Arts

Our Joy Cowley unit is coming to an end today. We have enjoyed reading many of our favorite books this week like, Do Not Open This Book, Mrs. Wishy Washy and Mud Walk. Today we created a science investigation involving edible mud. We discussed why we thought some animals like mud and made our own theories after creating "chocolate pudding mud" and feeling it on our fingers! It was a great way to end our Joy Cowley unit! After Easter we will begin to work on writing How To books. The children will work on adding lots of details to their writing as well as pictures to get their

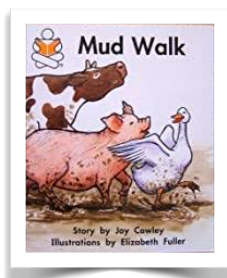
points across. We will continue to how diagrams can

help to make things clear to the reader. Next week

we will begin our dinosaur unit. As usual, if you have any materials on this

topic that you think we might be able to use please send them in with your

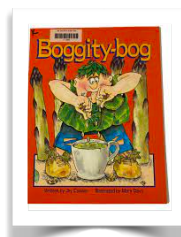
child's name clearly marked on the items.



## Math

The children enjoyed playing a couple of sorting games this week. People sorting is a favorite. Children sit or stay standing according to specific characteristics like wearing black socks. The game continues until no one is left standing. We also did some large group people addition and subtraction

story problems. Read My Mind is our silent sorting game which we hope to play today. We began a new center sheet last Friday but I didn't give you a description of each activity so here it is; Cookie Sort- students color and sort different cookies and then glue them into the correct cookie jar, Butterfly measuring- students draw and paint a butterfly and then use cubes and a ruler to measure the wing span. Mrs. Wishy-Washy Spin, tally, graph and add. Students spin a spinner with a duck, cow and pig tallying which was landed on (10 times) then use the data to create a bar graph and addition number sentences. Shape Sort- students draw flat shapes and then cut apart shapes to sort and glue into the correct category. Math journals- Students are classifying objects in 3 different ways recording and labeling the objects in their journal. Arithmetic Bingo game- students play this game using 2 dice, and bingo boards. They roll dice and add them together covering the appropriate number. The person with 4 in a row is the winner.



## Bits and Pieces

### Donations Needed

I have depleted my supply of square tissue boxes to go in our fish tissue holder. We can also use some Clorox wipes. **Please consider donating** either of these items to the classroom. Thank you!

**There won't be a newsletter next week. Holy Thursday is a 1/2 day . Easter Break is from March 29-April 7. Classes resume Monday, April 8th which is our 1st Thursday Mass and Faith Families. No snack is being provided so please pack a snack for your child. This is a 12:15 dismissal day and Thursday, April 11 will be a Full Day. Happy Easter!**

## Red Words

We added the word, said to our red word booklets. We continue to practice previous words using lots of different kinds of materials. I'm working on getting the children to use them without coaching from me when they write independently.

## ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

### UNDERCOVER

Mrs. Wishy-Washy character picture labeling

### MEET WITH MRS. ZIEMBA

Portfolio Conferencing

### HANDWRITING

Children practice writing capital and lower case Jj and Kk

### WRITING

Wishy Washy day booklet

### GAMES

Mrs. Wishy Washy word matching game

### SCIENCE LAB

Mud investigation

### ABC CENTER

P and B picture sort and writing

### DISCOVERY

Hungry Giant sequencing

### EXTRA FUN

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

## Religion

We have been talking about the importance of water this week specifically related to Baptism. We have also begun learning about Holy Week which begins this weekend with Palm Sunday. The children made pictures of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey while people cheered and waved palms. Next week we will continue to learn about Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Please make every effort to take your child to church for palms this weekend. The children have done a nice job using our Lenten good deed tree. If you have one of the little cards with yarn on it at home please send it back to school by Monday. I use these cards every Lent. We talked about caterpillars making a chrysalis and then turning into butterflies. I used this concept to relate it to Jesus going into the tomb and giving new life with his resurrection. The kids will be making beautiful butterflies to help remember this concept. **Have a very blessed Easter!**



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### Library

Please remember our library day is on Wednesday. All library books should come back to school by Wednesday morning.

### Penny Wars

Next Thursday is the last day of penny wars! We do have some money to put into our jar that only we know about, but we want to finish strong in this battle! At this point the more bills we can put in our jar the better so please consider donating. The race continues until next Thursday. Thank you for helping us with this worthy cause.

### No Homework

The literacy pouches won't be coming home until after Easter. Enjoy the break from homework!

**SHOE HELP** Many shoe and sneaker laces are not staying tied during the school day and I find myself spending a lot of time tying them. Please think about looking on Amazon for a shoe lace holder to keep laces tied or switch to velcro. Thank you for your help.