

Pre-Kindergarten News April 7, 2017

Dear Pre-K Families,

Welcome to Spring! I was glad to be back with the kids this week. They had so many stories to tell about their Spring Break adventures.

We began our Second Step Program/A Violence Prevention Curriculum. Along with the rest of the school, we are focusing on anti-bullying. For these first few weeks, our class focus will be empathy and how to identify different feelings in others and ourselves. The kids can make faces and match the body language for many feelings. Ask to see a few.

I hope you took some time to review your child's report card with them. Everyone has grown so much academically, socially and spiritually. It is hard to believe we are in our last trimester of the year. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

Blessings,
Mrs. Molly Mannenbach

Classroom News

This week we enjoyed learning about: what happens when the weather changes. We focused on the concept words of: lightning, rain, storm, thunder, weather, and wind. Our amazing (new) words for the week were: dawn, snuggle, dash, stray, prepare and predict.

Our focus stories were: **One Dark Night, Thunderstorm Safety and Tiny Mouse, Roaring Lion**

Our phonological focus continues to be breaking sounds apart in words and then blending them again. We reviewed the letters by name and this week we listened and looked for words and things beginning with Bb.

In Math we practiced counting items up to 8 and 9 as well as seeing how we can make two groups that add up to 8 and 9.

In Science/ Social Studies we looked at weather forms and safety guidelines in a storm. We created desert scenes in Makerspace and reviewed the type of weather in the desert.

In Religion we reviewed what it means to be baptized and read the bible story about Jesus being baptized by John. We shared our focus story for the week about Jesus feeding many people.

Some interesting questions to ask your child about the week are: What is your favorite type of weather? Can you find something in the house that begins with B? What are some of the safety rules during thunder and lightning? What special picture did you create for walking in the rain? (Stop in to see it!)

Congratulations to our Honored Cougar this week, Theo. We are proud of all our little Cougars!

Snack Reminder:

Mon. – D.Q.

Tues.- Max

Wed.- Owen T.

Thurs.- Sadie

Fri.- Lucy

Curriculum Focus for Next Week**Religion**

Holy Week

Language Arts

Blending phonemes

Recognize letter names and their sound

Rhyming words

Journal writing and illustrating

Math

Counting groups of 10

Science/Social Studies

Changes that take place in each season

School News

Friday April 14th, Stations of the Cross

Upcoming Events

Thursday May 4th, Art Show and Spaghetti Dinner