



Kindergarten Newsletter
February 28th to March 4th, 2011

We are inching closer to spring!!!! This month the kindergarten will be busy preparing for the new season. The children will be organizing and doing a bit of spring cleaning. The children have organized their school supplies and got everything in order to help them better prepare themselves for their daily tasks.

Housekeeping: Thank you to all that send in cleaning supplies, towels, tissues, etc. We can always use them. The children are doing a great job keeping their supplies fully stocked with glue, crayons, and pencils. Thank you for your support.

Handwriting: The children reviewed capital and lower case letters. The children practiced name and date papers, as well as, the upper and lower case Rr.

Phonics: The children reviewed all sounds previously taught. The children learned the sound of /ea/. The children review phonograms and letter sounds each week. Please encourage your child to practice these sounds at home. The children worked on a compare and contrast exercise. The children were asked to compare fairy tales. The children listed things that were the same and different about each of the stories they heard.

The children will be introduced to many fairy tales and folk tales and discuss elements of these fairy tales. Children recognized that these stories are making believe. The children recognized that often times these stories has a lesson that is taught. The children recognized that fairy tales often start with the sentence "Once upon a time." The children recognized that often animals can talk in a folk or fairy tale. The children enjoyed finding different elements within the stories. The children performed many sequencing activities to retell these favorite tales. Some of the fairy tales we looked at were:

The Three Little Pigs
Jack and the Beanstalk
Lo Lo Pon

Math: We worked on our new calendar month of March. The children reviewed numbers 1-31 while making a calendar page for March. The decorated their calendars with shamrocks and leprechauns. The children continued to work on ten frames. The children recognized using ten frames makes counting numbers in groups of tens easier. The children worked with numbers ten, twenty and thirty using ten frames to count. The children used ten frames to discover what number are 7 more than 20.

Religion: The children discovered things that tell us about Jesus, and reviewed their favorite Bible stories to date. The children listened to the story "Jesus Blesses the Children." The children learned that Jesus invited all children to come to him. Children learned that we can talk to Jesus wherever and whenever we like. The children will be preparing for Lent in the upcoming weeks. The children will be receiving their Lenten Ashes on Wednesday. Please talk to child

about the presentation of Ashes. We will be presenting a lesson on Monday to prepare the children for this wonderful sacrament. The children will be learning about the meaning of Lent.

Science: After listening to the story "Jack and the Beanstalk," the children discussed and looked at the various parts of a plant. The children talked about seeds and plantings. The children learned what things are needed for plant growth. The children examined a few seeds and were engaged in a seed planting activity in class.

Social Studies: The children talked about St. Patrick's Day. The children took a look at the globe and located Ireland on the globe. The children listened to some Irish music and listened to a story about Irish traditions. The children listened for instruments such as the harp, flute and songs that tell stories. The children will hear a story about St. Patrick and also hear some tales about some mischievous leprechauns.

Art: The children made puffy art shamrocks to decorate our classroom walls.

Dr Seuss: Read Across America Day. The children enjoyed a story read by Mrs. Hewes. She came in to read "Green Eggs and Ham." We enjoyed a nice game of Green Eggs and Ham (Tic Tac Toe) for an activity at the end of the story. The children enjoyed reading aloud from many Dr. Seuss favorites. We voted on Hop on Pop to be our class favorite. The children enjoyed taking turns reading words from the story and decoding unfamiliar words too. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Keough for coming into read a Star Wars story for Dillon's Star of the Week!

It was a fun week for all with Dr. Seuss and our pajama day. Now we need to look ahead to warmer days and outside play. If you are able to come and help out with lunch recess it would be great. The past couple of weeks we have not had many volunteers for lunch duty. If you do have some extra time, we would welcome any help you can give. Thank you!!!!

Mrs. Macarthy

Reminder: Conference dates are coming up! Check monthly calendar for dates. I will be sending a note home with a time and date.