

Pre-K's Weekly News Monday, February 13th

From The Teacher

We are well into the second semester of school. Most of the skills we are learning now are preparing us for kindergarten. It will be full speed ahead for the remainder of the year. The children should be able to write their first name, recognize their letters and the sounds they make and recognize numbers 1-10 and be able to count to 30, if not 100. The most important skill we are practicing is to sit and listen while others are talking and to follow directions. This last skill is most important for them to be successful in kindergarten. We are reading rebus books and sentences daily. The children are so excited! Please practice the hfw's nightly.

Last Week's News

The past couple of weeks have been busy ones with a lot of special events so we have been working hard to fit everything in. We have had a lot of fun with Dental Health studies. So, this week when we introduce Ms. T and her tall teeth, we will be ready!. Another Tooth Fairy came to visit on Monday and taught us even more about taking care of our teeth. The children had a lot of fun making a healthy smile, Dr. Tooth with the parts of a tooth, a dental train book, and watching a movie about Tooth Kingdom. We also had an experiment with eggs on what happens when you do not brush your teeth. When they saw that brown tooth, the children were all like "yuck" and were more than ready to brush. We made a brushing chart toothbrush and they put stickers on their charts for everyday they brushed. Most of us have full toothbrushes. :)

We began a new unit on "In the Community," in reading. Our topic of focus was Earth is Our Home and we learned Mr. G loves his home. He makes the /g/ sound like in gooey gum. The read aloud book Castles, Caves and Honeycombs, reinforces that we all have homes and they are different depending on the environment we live in, but that animals and insects have different habitats too!

Upcoming This Week

Happy Valentine's Day!! This week we will continue with Valentine activities and showing kindness and goodness to our friends. Max brings in snack and the letter is Tt. Tomorrow is our sock hop. Remember you have to dress 50's in order to have a uniform break. Bring in supplies for the ice cream social! Our schedule is as follows...

Reading: The theme is On the Go - Safely with Ms. T. and her terrifically tall teeth. She likes to visit the dentist and uses different kinds of transportation to get there. She makes the /t/ sound that you hear at the beginning of tall teeth. Her big book is One Wonderful Smile.

Rebus Book: Friends - Review hfw's: and, are, I like, to you. Please practice these at home.

Math: Counting to 100; recognizing numbers 1-10

Social Studies: We will learn about transportation and read the big book I Keep Myself Safe. This is the age that children begin to learn to ride a bike. They will love our read aloud D.W. Rides Again. We will learn how to travel safely when riding a bike.

We will also learn about Presidents and symbols of our country in preparation for next week.

Science- A new topic will not be introduced. We will continue studies on dental health and our polar friends.

Our Week at a Glance:

Monday: Music

Tuesday: PE; Library; Valentine Day and Sock Hop; Exchange Valentine's; Guidance

Wednesday: Spanish

Thursday: 4th grade special Liturgy; PE

Friday: HRA and ESCAPE Closed for School In-service

Monday: HRA & ESCAPE closed for President's Day

REMINDERS

*Please be sure your child has 2 pencils, glue and all of their colors of crayons!

*Pre-Registration forms go home in next Friday's folders (there will be no folder this week) for the 2012-2013 school year. Please return by March 9.

* Remember Pre-KM is to bring in fat crayons to present as a donation for the 4th grade Special Liturgy on Thursday.