

The Phillips Post

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Last Week...

- **In religion**, we compared air to the holy spirit. We cannot see air, but we can see what it moves and how it affects the things around us. We can see this with the holy spirit as well. We learned that a dove is the most common representative of the holy spirit. We also attended May Procession, which was very beautiful. We enjoyed celebrating Mary on a special day just for her.

- **In language arts**, we learned our last letter! What an accomplishment! We blended different sounds into words, learned that rhyming words can also be word families, and extended sentences which helps us write better stories!

- **In math**, we finished up the chapter on subtraction and were introduced to graphing/data/probability. So far, we have found this very easy to understand as we have been doing it all year long.

- **In science**, we talked about magnets and animals. We found that magnets were really cool, especially the idea of the compass. We read a book that told us how to make one and that's all we want to do now! Mrs. Phillips couldn't find the materials last week but hopes to gather them for this week! For animals, we read a story that showed us that animals, their young, and where they live. Then, we played several games on the SmartBoard to help us reinforce the information we had learned from the story!

Uniform Breaks

For the remainder of the year, your child may wear the tennis shoes of his/her choice. They no longer are required to wear their school shoes. Also, on this coming Friday, we will be celebrating Backwards Day in Kindergarten. A fully detailed not will be coming home this week to explain in more detail what is allowed.

Last Day of School

On the last day of school, May 27th, we will be celebrating the children with an awards ceremony. In addition to the awards of 100% Homework and Citizenship, will be acknowledging their hard work this school year!

This Week...

- **In religion**, we will work on finishing our book. This has been a recurring theme these past few weeks as we slowly begin to notice that there are not that many pages in our books any longer! We will talk about joy and life. We will learn that joy is spread by being happy and that, because we are happy, we will live forever through Jesus.

- **In language arts**, we will finish our last unit in reading. We will read one final story called *Hello, Ocean*. After we finish the unit, we will work on a reader's theatre workshop. Two groups will work together to perform a show for the rest of the class and the PreK {if it can be arranged}. And, if time allows, we will also make little costumes to wear, like hats or masks, to go with our plays. We will have no letter this week as we have finished learning all of them!

- **In math**, we will work hard on finishing up our final chapter in math—graphs, data, and probability. We will make graphs with pictures, create a tally table, and explore probability. These are all things that we are quite familiar with all ready!

- **In science**, we will {try again} to talk about the different kinds of pollution besides littering. We will learn about air pollution and water pollution, and how we can help make these problems better. We will also discuss what happens to animals when we don't take care of the Earth.

- **In social studies**, we learn how people are like us but at the same time different. We will explore other cultures and how they have affected us here in the United States!

Tuesday: Ronald McDonald House visits to explain how our donations help, Library

Wednesday: Last Special Liturgy Practice

Thursday: Spanish, Hampstead Players Performance of *Aladdin*

Friday: Music, Backwards Day in Kindergarten, Rosary @ 2:15

Please remember to send in any donations or soda can tabs you have into school by May 25th, the day of our zoo field trip. Every bit helps!!