

October 13, 2017

THIS WEEK IN KINDERGARTEN WE...

RELIGION

- learned that prayer is "talking to God"
- discussed the reasons we would want to talk to God
- named the **ways** we pray and the **times** we pray, and reviewed the meaning of the word "Amen"
- listened to the story of Noah's Ark
- attended Mass and heard the story of Jonah and the Big Fish

LANGUAGE/READING

- reviewed the letter Pp and matched pictures with the /p/ sound
- practiced writing Pp on lined paper
- learned the sight words, *go, with, you*
- learned about words that describe, *adjectives*
- read a mini-book titled *The Firefighter*
- brain-stormed some fire safety rules
- practiced our writing skills

MATH/SCIENCE

- practiced the concept of "counting on" from a number
- learned to name, recognize, count, and write the numerals 11-19
- learned why numbers in the teens start with a "1"
- worked in math centers to practice number sense
- completed our STEM challenge to make a ball of clay float
- conducted an experiment to prove that fire needs oxygen to burn

IMPORTANT NEWS

1. Field Trip! We will be taking a field trip to Heap's Giant Pumpkin Farm in Minooka on Tuesday, October 24th. Please sign and return the attached permission slip, and remember to include the \$13.00 fee. At this time, I have enough parent chaperones. We will be taking another trip in the spring, and possibly another during the winter months. Thank you!

2. Halloween!! The party will take place on Tuesday, October 31st. This is a 11:30 pm dismissal day. The students may wear their costumes to school. Please save all "accessories" and for **Halloween night**. I want to avoid any of these items being lost or broken. We will begin by parading around the school (weather permitting) at 9:45 am. Parents are welcome to come watch the parade. The classroom party will begin after the parade.

3. Reminder: Library Day is Thursday! I suggest keeping the library book in the book bag.

4. Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter, and helping your children practice the things we are learning at school.

*The children are beginning to "play" with words by putting letters together using the CVC (consonant/vowel/consonant) model. For example: bat, can, map, etc. I encourage you to try this at home! *If your child creates a word that is a "nonsense" word that's OK! We can still read nonsense words, (bac, gug, zic, rop). In fact, that is something that the children are required to do on the DIBELS reading assessment.

**Reminder! Sight words are not meant to be sounded out. Sight words should be memorized. You can use flashcards, play matching games, or play I-spy from the books you read together. *I do recommend spelling the sight words as a method of learning them. This helps create a visual picture in the brain. 😊

**Play with language. What sound do words begin with, what sound do you hear at the end of words? What vowel sound do you hear? Sing songs and learn rhymes. Silly rhymes are especially fun! 😊

*Remember to read to your child on a daily basis, so they can hear good reading, and enjoy the story. When your child is reading to you, always encourage them to point and track the words. Even if the story is simple, you can still ask questions! Also, you can try extending the story, what would you add next? How could you change the ending?

5. Wish List items: I can always use stickers and items for the prize box! Other items: White cube type shelf(4 spaces), Playground toys, Bristle Blocks, Magnetic Blocks, Small sized seasonal garden flags, Oil diffuser (mine gave out 😞)

Have a perfect weekend!

Mrs. Sharon Skelly 😊

