

May 2, 2014

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed our recent Art Show. The children were so excited to share all of their special projects with their guests. Of course, the delicious treats that many of you sent in added to the afternoon. It was a wonderful way to begin May after a very busy April in Kindergarten.

**Religion** We prayed together as a school during the weeks of Lent. We reminded each other to be extra kind and "change our hearts" during the Holy days of Lent. We continued to hear a variety of bible stories to compliment our religion lessons. One of their favorite story is "The Good Samaritan" (Luke 10:25-37) which we acted out together. We referred to it as "The Good Neighbor." Hopefully, this will remind all of us to be good neighbors.

**Reading/Language Arts** The children have really grown in the skill of being able to sound words out. The STAR READERS have encouraged the children to love to read! All the children continue to participate in this great activity. As of April 30th, as a class we have read **2,835 books!** Thank you for all of your help at home. A very special thank you to Mrs. Miller who is the "score keeper" of all of the books the children read. The children keep us all on our toes. We continue to review the sight words. Please encourage your children to write sentences or question at home for extra practice in writing.

**Math** The children were introduced to subtraction and the idea of "taking away." Again, I encourage you to make flash cards up to the number 5, then add problems as they master them. We are also "breaking numbers up" telling how many tens and ones are in a number. They are getting very good with these. In May we will introduce money, of course, everyones favorite topic?

**Science** We continue to use the science SKIT KITS and created tube tooters discussing how sound vibrates and creates different sounds and pitches. We have been discussing wind, which we certainly have had plenty of.

**Social Studies** We have been discussing what makes a neighborhood special. The various stores that we visit and neighborhood helpers. This was a perfect month to discuss this in connection with The Good Samaritan.

These last days of school will quickly fly by. I have place several reminders at the bottom of this letter. Thank you for your continued support. We have had a WONDERFUL year and together we have helped great things to happen. Always remember: "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." Pablo Picasso

Sincerely,

**Graduation Pictures:** Wednesday, May 7th, please send graduation cap/gown and envelope with money enclosed.

**Kindergarten Party/Pool:** Friday, May 30th Information will follow

**Graduation/Last Day:** Thursday, June 5th, 12:00 Dismissal. Graduation 7:00 p.m. All our welcome.

**Camp:** June 9-13th Pamphlet sent home