

April 2017

Dear Parents,

Spring is finally here and we are heading into our last two months of school!! Thank-you for all your help at home, especially with our sight words. I am so proud of everything the children have accomplished so far and couldn't do it without your support!

Reading/Language Arts

We are working on putting all of our skills together in order to read. At this point the children should know all the letter sounds, as well as the beginning and ending sounds for words. The children have almost completed their journals, so the next step is to have them write their own sentences! Our focus continues to be on the correct size of the letters, as well as capitalization, punctuation and spacing between words.

Math

We continue to practice counting by 1's, 2's and 5's and have also been working on number identification through 50. Each morning when we complete our calendar we also practice place value. The children discuss what the date is and figure out how many tens and ones we would need to make that number. We have finished our unit on telling time and are beginning addition and subtraction. We are practicing by using manipulatives in class and will be adding and subtracting through ten.

Religion

Lent and Easter will remain the topics of our religion lessons through the next few weeks. We have been discussing the Stations of the Cross and have had many wonderful discussions together. It

amazes me to listen to the questions the children ask and how much empathy they express. We have been talking about eternal life and our guardian angels in heaven also! We will be making "Resurrection Rolls" in class on Friday.

Science/Social Studies

We read several books about the Statue of Liberty which the children loved and had endless questions about. They were especially interested in the fact that it was assembled in France, disassembled, shipped to New York and then reassembled. The class decided that we should measure how much space it would take up if it was assembled in our school! So, out we went into the hallway with our tape measures and discovered we would need three lengths of our school to fit the entire Statue of Liberty!

We have begun to study germs, what they can do to our bodies and why hand washing is important! This week, we are doing a "moldy bread" experiment to check the effectiveness of soap vs. hand sanitizer.....stay tuned!

A huge thank-you to all the parents who have spoken to our class for career week(s)! The children love having visitors. If anyone else would like to come share your career with our class, it isn't too late!:)

Reminders:

Easter Party: Thursday, April 13

Easter break: April 14-23

You know children are growing up when they start asking questions that have answers. -John J. Plomp