

Kindergarten News!

“Knowing Jesus, Growing in Faith, Serving God’s Children”



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Ms. Uecker’s Kindergarten! I’m very excited and ready to begin our school year together. Look for a note like this at the beginning of each week, on our school’s website www.zionrc.org. Go to the school section then classroom news and click on my page. There will be links for the note, the snack list, Show and Tell, etc. The notes may be a little longer to start with as we have many things to start the year off right but I promise it will shorten with time. It will tell you what’s happening and what’s coming up.

On the right side of the Monday folder will be your child’s work to keep and send the empty folder back on Tuesday or the next day. Anything that needs to be read then signed or returned, like the lunch menu, it will be on the left side, just send it back in the folder. If you need to contact me feel free to call or use my email, which are both listed on the site as well. It is amanda.uecker@zionrc.org.

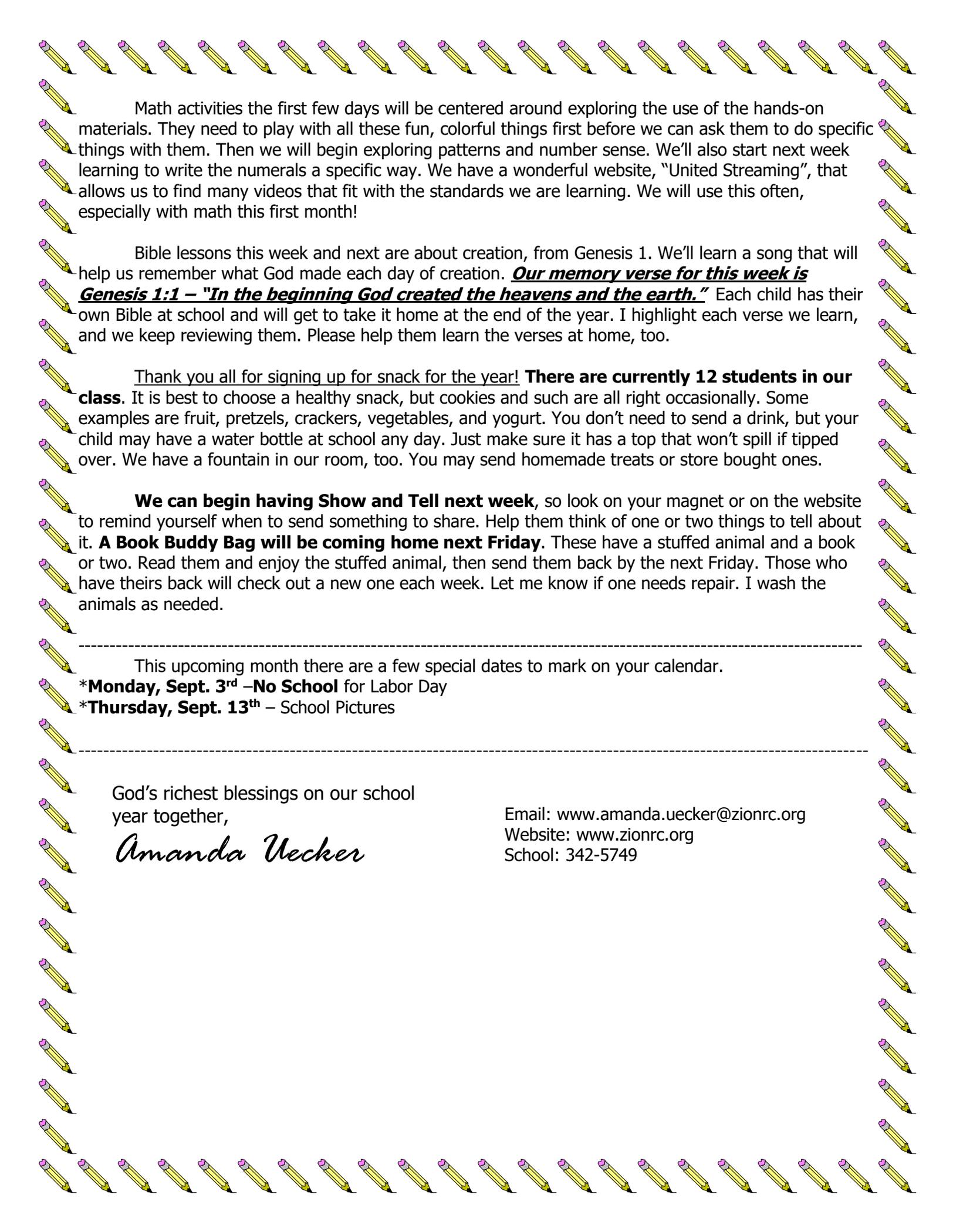
The lunch menu for the month was a part of the packet you filled out at Meet the Teacher. You are ordering lunch for the entire month. You can pay Nora for lunches in the mornings or send it in the folder and I will take care of it. Please label it so we know how many lunches (\$3.25 each) and milks (\$.35 each) the amount is for. If you bring a lunch from home you may put it in the kitchen’s refrigerator. Please label the outside with your child’s name and a KG so they’ll know when to put it out. You can also send something that needs to be heated, but only those that require a minute or less, because of time restraints.

We invite you to join us Wednesday for our opening Chapel. You are welcome to join us anytime as chapel is on Wednesdays, usually in the morning at 8:30a.m., but once a month it will be in the afternoon at 1:00p.m. Each child has his or her own buddy from the fifth grade to sit with during chapel. We’ll do other things together during the year, too. Each month there is a new cause we will be gathering offering for. Every week there will be an envelope in your folder for you to put money in if you choose to help these causes.

Each month we have several themes to tie our subjects together. This month we will work with “Our Senses” and “Things Made by God-Creation.” We’ll make books, sing many songs, and do art and movement and science activities about how wonderfully God has made us. The children will participate in science experiments using their senses in the coming weeks. Don’t be surprised if they want to try some of them at home!

The first few weeks we will be preparing and building a solid background for all future reading and writing. We learn many concepts about print; reading from left to right, what authors and illustrators are, the different parts of a book, punctuation names, etc. We want them to think of themselves as readers and writers right away! Phonics and phonemics are an integral part of this program.

We also spend quite some time getting used to our building and playground, learning and practicing following rules of respect for others, ourselves, and God’s World. We’ll meet the people who work here, practice fire and disaster drills, and get to know our new friends’ names.



Math activities the first few days will be centered around exploring the use of the hands-on materials. They need to play with all these fun, colorful things first before we can ask them to do specific things with them. Then we will begin exploring patterns and number sense. We'll also start next week learning to write the numerals a specific way. We have a wonderful website, "United Streaming", that allows us to find many videos that fit with the standards we are learning. We will use this often, especially with math this first month!

Bible lessons this week and next are about creation, from Genesis 1. We'll learn a song that will help us remember what God made each day of creation. ***Our memory verse for this week is Genesis 1:1 – "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."*** Each child has their own Bible at school and will get to take it home at the end of the year. I highlight each verse we learn, and we keep reviewing them. Please help them learn the verses at home, too.

Thank you all for signing up for snack for the year! **There are currently 12 students in our class.** It is best to choose a healthy snack, but cookies and such are all right occasionally. Some examples are fruit, pretzels, crackers, vegetables, and yogurt. You don't need to send a drink, but your child may have a water bottle at school any day. Just make sure it has a top that won't spill if tipped over. We have a fountain in our room, too. You may send homemade treats or store bought ones.

We can begin having Show and Tell next week, so look on your magnet or on the website to remind yourself when to send something to share. Help them think of one or two things to tell about it. **A Book Buddy Bag will be coming home next Friday.** These have a stuffed animal and a book or two. Read them and enjoy the stuffed animal, then send them back by the next Friday. Those who have theirs back will check out a new one each week. Let me know if one needs repair. I wash the animals as needed.

This upcoming month there are a few special dates to mark on your calendar.

***Monday, Sept. 3rd –No School** for Labor Day

***Thursday, Sept. 13th – School Pictures**

God's richest blessings on our school year together,

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