



Kindergarten News!



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

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Dear Parents,

We are off to a fine start, with another busy week ahead of us. Eileen’s *Cookie dough fundraiser starts tomorrow. There is a form in your folder for you to Sell, Sell, Sell until Sept. 24th.* Please have checks made out to Zion PTL.

Now we will begin learning about individual letters and the sounds they make. We learn to recognize both the capital and lowercase, how to write each, and the sound or sounds each makes. **Last week we started with “Aa” and will finish it out this week.** Many recognize the letters but struggle yet with writing and hearing them. I am picky on how they write a letter because it makes a difference later, as well as helping them keep from reversing them. We will use our letter journals to practice using these letters and sounds. We learn right away to “stretch out” words to hear what letter sounds are in it.

In Reader’s Workshop we have been learning many things about print. We are distinguishing between capital and lower case letters, the difference between letters and words, how we read from left to right, and top to bottom, different forms of punctuation, etc. We use their names to learn many things about words and letters too. They love comparing their name with everyone else’s – how many letters it has, if they have the same first or last letter, if anyone’s rhyme, etc. Keep working on writing their names with lowercase letters. Watch closely to help them get in good habits of writing their letters from the top down. Help with pencil grip, too, making sure they hold it comfortably.

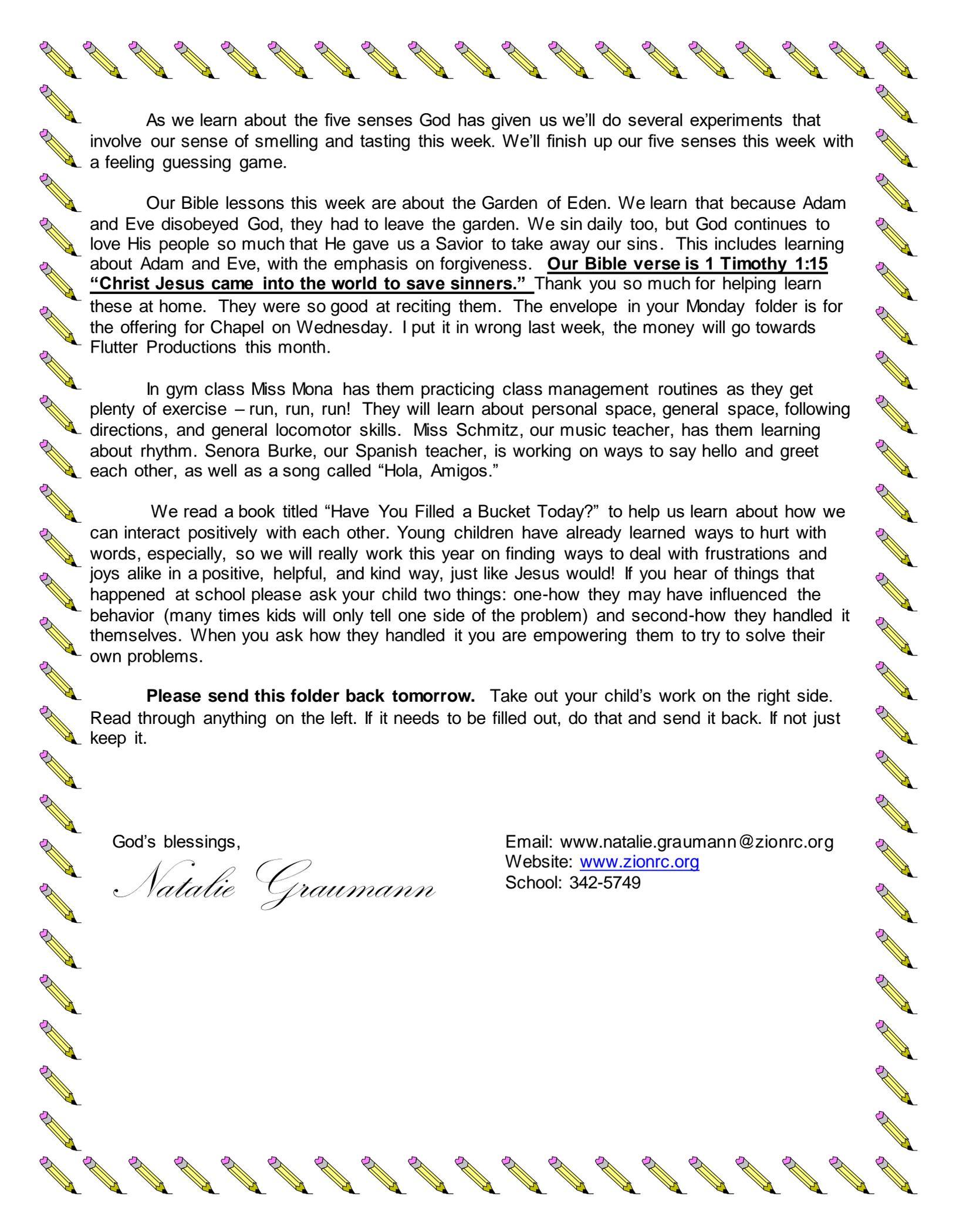
Enjoy the book buddy and return anytime before Friday for a new one. **Remember to bring back your library books too! Those need to be returned on Tuesday so they can reshell them by our library time on Thursday.**

Math time is very hands on right now. I’m assessing their counting and one-to-one matching. We’re writing numerals 1 through 4 now, also. Use those rhymes that help them remember how to write their numerals! Don’t worry about backwards letters and numbers too much right now, but do give them an example and let them see the proper direction. Soon I will start sending math games home for you to play. One of the best things parents can do mathematically with their children is pose questions that require them to add or subtract “in their heads” or with toys to move around. Use the simplest problems in the car, where they only have their fingers! Have them tell you how they figured something out. Say you ask them, “If you had 3 cars parked on the street and 2 more came, how many would there be?” There are many ways to figure this out and it is fun to see how they answer. It’s always okay at this stage to use their fingers or small items, in fact it is very important at times. Just enjoy how they figure out things! Here is a website to find great math games.

It is: http://investigations.terc.edu/library/Games_K1.cfm

(Turn Over)





As we learn about the five senses God has given us we'll do several experiments that involve our sense of smelling and tasting this week. We'll finish up our five senses this week with a feeling guessing game.

Our Bible lessons this week are about the Garden of Eden. We learn that because Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they had to leave the garden. We sin daily too, but God continues to love His people so much that He gave us a Savior to take away our sins. This includes learning about Adam and Eve, with the emphasis on forgiveness. **Our Bible verse is 1 Timothy 1:15 "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."** Thank you so much for helping learn these at home. They were so good at reciting them. The envelope in your Monday folder is for the offering for Chapel on Wednesday. I put it in wrong last week, the money will go towards Flutter Productions this month.

In gym class Miss Mona has them practicing class management routines as they get plenty of exercise – run, run, run! They will learn about personal space, general space, following directions, and general locomotor skills. Miss Schmitz, our music teacher, has them learning about rhythm. Senora Burke, our Spanish teacher, is working on ways to say hello and greet each other, as well as a song called "Hola, Amigos."

We read a book titled "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" to help us learn about how we can interact positively with each other. Young children have already learned ways to hurt with words, especially, so we will really work this year on finding ways to deal with frustrations and joys alike in a positive, helpful, and kind way, just like Jesus would! If you hear of things that happened at school please ask your child two things: one-how they may have influenced the behavior (many times kids will only tell one side of the problem) and second-how they handled it themselves. When you ask how they handled it you are empowering them to try to solve their own problems.

Please send this folder back tomorrow. Take out your child's work on the right side. Read through anything on the left. If it needs to be filled out, do that and send it back. If not just keep it.

God's blessings,

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