



Kindergarten News!



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

September 24th, 2018

Dear Parents,

Today is your last day for cookie dough sales. Please return any orders you have **TOMORROW** including payments.

We can see the season changing looking at the trees and their colors. In a month we will work on a special fall project needing leaves. Over the next week or two would you please look for small leaves and flowers to press? They should be small ones, 2 ½ inches across or less, that can be placed in a phone book to dry. Small, flat flowers such as pansies work well too. Leave them in a heavy book to dry for at least two or three weeks. Don't bring them right away, I'll let you know when to bring them to school. We'll be using them for a fall project for our families and for our church friends! We'll have fun with autumn projects and experiments this week.

We continue to count and record. They are doing well with carefully counting sets. Recording them can be harder. But we have many activities to make this fun! We will be writing all numbers from 1 to 10 now, so help with these if they don't recognize all of them. We are working hard making that memory bank!!

We will be making cards for our Westhills friends. Each child has been assigned a resident from Westhills Assisted Living Center. It is one opportunity to learn to do something for others. Most of these people rarely get out, and they really look forward to that correspondence! We will probably visit them in November.

This week we work with the letter “Cc.” We will always keep working on all letters and sounds, but emphasize one to really make sure they are writing it correctly, know the different sounds it can make, etc. For instance, we learn that c can make two sounds- the hard sound, like in “cat,” and the soft sound, like in “city.” The hardest part for some is writing the lower case letters. For others it is hearing the sounds and not just guessing.

Our first field trip is on Thursday, September 27th to the Outdoor Campus. Our class theme will be South Dakota Wildlife. We will leave school at 12:10 PM and stay until 2:00 PM or so, then come back to school. If you could drive for this trip please sign the paper by the room door. You'll need to fill out a volunteer background form for yourself if you are driving, let me know if you need one. Thanks so much!!

You may notice some of your students “writing” coming home in the next couple weeks. I have started going through their work. You will see mostly pictures but some may have “writing” on it. Some may have sticky notes on the back to help with what it is about but I am not able to get to every student every day and some are producing multiple stories in a day! They sure love writing right now, I hear about it if we miss it!

Our Bible lessons are about Abraham this week, with the main focus on how God blesses families. God promised Abraham that all people would be blessed through his family because the Savior would come from his descendants. Our memory verse is Genesis 12:2 “I will bless you.” They will have a green booklet in their folder of the first four Bible lessons. They can keep this. It makes a great place to review and share with mom and dad. This is the last week for our chapel offerings to go to help Flutter Productions.

As far as homework in kindergarten goes, do it when you can and don't worry about those nights that you can't. We work hard all day! I want them to love reading and math, so please don't force them. If they are resistant at first, you might read to them instead. Talk, talk, talk about books and what we see and understand about the stories. Have them predicting what will happen next. Just make it a wonderful thing you do together and they see you do, too. If your child has difficulty remembering letters and the sounds they make then work on just two or three at a time, but find a regular time to do it. And use the car to practice counting, counting, counting!!

➤ **Reminder:**

October 4-5th –**No School.** We will be at our annual SD Lutheran Called Workers Conference.

October 8th – NO SCHOOL. Native American/Columbus Day

God's blessings,

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