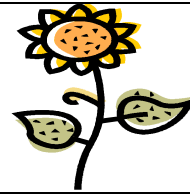


Kindergarten News

St. Pius X
Miss Riley
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Here's what's happening...

LANGUAGE ARTS (Reading, Writing, & Phonics)

Peggy Parish is our May author of the month. We are reading Amelia Bedelia stories and learning about the play on words the author uses. The students find Amelia's antics very amusing!!

In phonics we continue to review sounds every day. We continue to work on our sight words: we practice reading our list of words and create sight word books. We are having a lot of fun with the chunk bag and I am enjoying the clues and items the students have brought.

We are writing in our jumbo journals; as a class we brainstorm about an idea and then the children are given a topic sentence to write about or they choose from a list they made and write about that topic. We continue to work on sentence structure and the proper use of punctuation and spacing.

MATH

The students did wonderful in Ch. 8 "Geometry and Fractions" and have continued on into Ch. 9 "Readiness for Addition and Subtraction". The students are working with additions and number relationships and help me to figure out ways of making 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 using black and red checker pieces. Example: I would lay out 4 black and 4 red pieces and ask the student to tell me a way to make 4 using some of the pieces; the student might give me 4 black and 0 red or 2 red and 2 black, etc. We continue this activity for all the numbers and have added this as a math center.

RELIGION

We talked about sharing meals with loved ones. We learned that sharing meals isn't just about proper nutrition for our bodies, but engages our minds too. We can find out about our family and friends and develop great relationships. Sharing meals went along with the importance of the Eucharist at Mass and how Jesus shared meals with his friends. We discussed that Jesus is the light of the world and gained insight on ways we can let Jesus' light shine through us (helping friends, setting the table for Mom and Dad, smiles, hugs, and so on.)

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

We performed an egg experiment, testing to see what would happen to the egg shells when soaked in various liquids. The egg shells represented teeth and we used orange juice, grape juice, soda and water. The students came up with a question, hypothesis and we recorded observations daily. The most surprising to me was the grape juice egg which ended up almost black! The students wrote about our experiment in their journals.

During April we focused on the earth and ways we can make everyday earth day. The students learned about conservation of water and energy, recycling, reducing and reusing items and also learned about the water cycle.

We continue our safety lessons corresponding to the "Talking about Touch" program, thus far we have covered crossing the street, fire, gun, and stranger safety with the "always ask first" rule, safe touches, unsafe touches, unwanted touches and the importance of getting away from a bad situation and telling an adult.

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Reminders / Upcoming Events

Field Trip - The field trip to Albertson's for their Healthy Eaters program has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 25th from 9:15 - 10:45. Please let me know if you are able to drive.

Zoo - Kindergarten will be taking a field trip to the zoo on Thursday, May 27th from 9-2pm. I will be sending home a form for this field trip soon: be on the lookout and start thinking about driving now!!

Chunk Bag - If you haven't already gotten round 2 of the "chunk bag", it's coming again! We will be learning many blends/chunks for the next few weeks and ask students to help us by bringing in an item that corresponds to their chunk. (i.e. br - bracelet or fl - flower)

Memorial Day - There is no school on Monday, May 31st

Field Day - Field day is on June 2nd, our P.E. teacher has come up with a day of fun and games for the students. Be sure to send the kids to school with water bottles and hats that day.

First Friday Mass - Kindergarten will be doing the readings for mass on Friday, June 4th @ 9am.

Noon Dismissal- Friday, June 4th is a noon dismissal and Fantasy Fest begins that weekend!