



*I will email your child' Thursday, March 15.
Please reply to that email so that I know that you
were able to open both attachments and let me
know if you have any questions.*

Highlights in Our Week

Here are some of the highlights of what we did this week.

In Reading Readiness we...

- blended with the sound for k.
- identified initial k sound and ending ck sounds in words.
- learned position words.
- sorted the words by initial letters, -it word family, words that end in ck, medial short vowel sounds.
- introduced Word Wall Words-little, said, did, that"
- segmented how many sounds are in words.
- sequenced events in the growth of oak trees.
- did word work stations.

I am sending home a reference sheet for reading with your child. This is simply for your reference in offering suggestions to your child if they get to an unknown word. It is a great list of ideas though to keep in front of you the next couple of years!

Happy Reading!!

In Math we...

- played St. Patrick's Day themed games with the Smart Board. We subtracted amounts on dice, and guessed a missing numeral between 11-20.
- are working on what makes a shape different from the other shapes- how many sides, the sides equal or not equal, how many vertices (corners), curved or not curved, open or closed.
- sorted shapes and decided if they were circles or not circles and what a curved shape is.

In Religion we...

- thought about how rules keep everyone safe
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- realized that people help us make good choices-Jesus, Holy Spirit, parents, relatives, grandparents, neighbors, and teachers. The children made a Thank you Note to someone who has helped him/her make a good choice.

■ learned God's rules are for people of all ages. Jesus teaches us: not to hurt anyone, take good care of your body, don't take other people's things, obey your parents, and to love others as you love yourself. The children drew themselves making a good choice and a way to follow the rules that Jesus teaches us.

■ learned God's rules tell us to go to Mass on Saturday nights or on Sundays.

■ heard how The Ten Commandments help people know how to show love to God and other people. Moses received the Commandments on two stone tablets on a mountain to help God's people before Jesus was born.

■ read books and watched a video about St. Patrick's life and why he is such a famous saint. As a child, St. Patrick was captured and taken to Ireland as a slave from about 11- 20 years old. He escaped and returned to Britain where he entered the Church. Later, he felt called by God to return to Ireland to convert many people and start churches to follow God. The children watched a video about Irish dancers, foods, and parades.

■ made St. Patrick's Day cards for their elderly prayer partners and wrote a sentence about their pictures.

In Writing, we...

revisited the idea of fingerspaces. They know what they are and why they are important...I am just trying to convince them to use them all the time and looking for 100% use of them! (Lofty goal I have, but we are so close!) We also wrapped up voice and now how many more feelings to use. I was impressed that one of our feelings on our list poem for voice was "considerate." Next week, we will be learning about capital letters and to use them at the beginning of a sentence. This is interesting with kindergartners as they like to write whatever letter is easier to make....capital or lowercase.

Bits-n-Pieces

- Thank you for your donations of canned goods and toiletries this week!
- Thanks to my parents who helped at the St. Patrick's Day party
- March 16th-Wear Green Dress Down Day
- March 24-April 2 Spring Break
- Good Friday, April 6-no school
- April 13th Comfort Dental Office field trip-4 parents
- April 19th-Starkey Farm field trip
- March 23-end of month casual day for 2 or less uniform infractions
- March 23-permission slips both due!
- April 4-parent chaperones notified for field trips



Comfort Dental Field Trip

We will be going to the Comfort Dental Office on Friday, April 13 to learn about dental equipment, careers, and how to take care of our teeth. Only four parents may accompany us on that trip since the office space is limited.

Starkey Farm Field Trip

Our final field trip will be to the Starkey farm, located near the new church on Thursday, April 19. We will learn about farm equipment, how seeds grow, what products are made from corn and soybeans, and how to care for cattle. There will be a representative from Hendricks County Soil Conservation to teach the children about pollution in the soil and water, and caring for our earth. PTO pays for the bus driver and gasoline, so there are no fees for these trips. Please return both permission slips by next Friday, March 23 and indicate on the bottom of the permission slip if you would like to chaperone. I will let you know on Wednesday, April 4 if you are needed as a chaperone.

Thanks to my parents!!!

Remember if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email at joconnor@stmalachy.org. Have a great week!

Jennifer O'Connor