

Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

English Language Arts

This week we began our NJ Wildlife unit and have been learning about squirrels, bears and owls. We are making science journals that will come home at the end of the unit unless the children decide to put them



in their portfolios. Each page in the journal will be dedicated to an animal found in NJ and will include a fact about it. We focused our attention on three non-fiction books called, Squirrels, Owls and Bears. These books were very informative. Our poem this week is called, "Busy" and we worked on a new song entitled "Gray Squirrel". The children also enjoyed the books, Nuts to You and Black Bears.

Our alphabet focus was on the letters; Ee, Kk, and Qu. The children had the opportunity to make an Elmer the Elephant, kangaroos and quilts for all the letters this week. The book, The Marriage of Q and U was a big hit with the children and it really helped cement the idea that q and u always go together in words.

Math

We continue to work on numbers to 10. We have been practicing number writing, story problems and comparing numbers this week. The children started our new math center sheet on Tuesday.



Our science investigation concluded this week with the children comparing their radish plants with mine that are growing in a baggie without soil. Both sets of seeds grew into plants, which surprised the children. The plants that grew in the window were yellow as opposed to the green plants in the soil. We watched the end of the Mystery Science video to explain that if the plants remained without soil they would die. Everyone realized the sun plays an important part in plant growth since all of the plants are a healthy green. Hopefully the plants made it home on Monday.

Halloween Fun! Thank you to our room moms, Mrs. Deibert and Mrs. Espey for a wonderful party! The children loved the crafts, games and food.

Bits and Pieces

Upcoming No School

No school on **Friday, November 14th for Parent - Teacher conferences**

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars so you will be available to help at our kindergarten International Festival on Monday, December 15th. Lots of countries will need help. The day is filled with fun. Maybe you would be willing to help decorate before the event.

Winter Dress Code

Girls may no longer wear skorts only jumpers or pants until spring. No shorts are to be worn either. Also please make sure all hair accessories follow our dress code (Black-watch plaid or solid navy blue, black, hunter green or white)

ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

SCIENCE LAB

NJ Wildlife Journal
cover

ALPHABET PROJECTS

Elmer, Kangaroos and
Quilts

GAMES AND CHOICES

Buddy reading

WRITING

Squirrel facts

UNDERCOVER

Bears like
to...storyboard

POETRY NOTEBOOKS/LISTENIN

G

"Busy"

HANDWRITING

Children practice writing
capital and lower case
Ee, Kk and Qq

DISCOVERY

Owl facts

ART PROJECT

Squirrels and Owls paint
projects

Religion

Our focus in our religion book has been on Noah's Ark. We have read several different versions with each one offering different details. The children made beautiful pictures depicting the story that we have hanging in our classroom. The children were well behaved in church for 1st Thursday yesterday. During Faith Families we learned about Saint Elizabeth of Hungary who teaches us to be grateful not only for the big things, but also for the little gifts we receive. Gratitude means appreciating what we have and sharing our blessing with others.

Bits and Pieces

Thanksgiving break begins after the half day on Wednesday, November 26th at 12:15. There is no aftercare.

THANK YOU!

I really appreciate you sending back the homework **on time**. It really makes my job easier when we work together.

Please label your child's sweater and sweatshirt with their name. Also, the weather is turning colder, please make sure your child wears appropriate outerwear.

Please send in a 4x6 family photo by December 19th. They will be used for Catholic Schools Week.