

Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

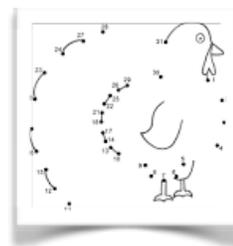
English Language Arts

Our unit about New Jersey Wildlife has been quite exciting! We had dry weather for our track trapping expedition on Wednesday. We gathered many types of vegetables, bread and chicken products as well as flour and set out to discover what kind of animals live outside our classroom. After we scouted out a place to set our trap the children placed the food on the ground and then sprinkled flour all around. As scientists know, not all experiments are successful, but we were hoping this one would be. Before we went out to check the trap on Thursday, the kids made a prediction about what kind of wildlife might leave footprints in our trap and recorded them. Hopefully, you have already heard the results to this exciting expedition! This week we also read books about deer and learned many interesting facts about small woodland creatures. We also read a wordless book called, In The Woods, which allowed us to explore many types of plants and wildlife that live in our woods. We followed up this book by making beautiful wildlife collages. Our science journals are filled with many interesting facts about NJ wildlife as well as our beautiful animal collages.



Math

This week we have continued to focus on numbers to ten. The children have been making these numbers using 5 counter strips. Kindergarteners are working hard to realize they can count on from five which is quicker than starting at one. The children began a new center sheet on Monday and have the opportunity to work on the following activities; Turkey dot to dot, Silly Scarecrow counting paper using pattern blocks to build a scarecrow, Got It addition game, animal tracks number ordering and Turkey Dinner sorting and graphing. This week, we sorted ourselves by our favorite NJ animal and created our class graph. Ask your child which animal was first, second and third!



Bits and Pieces

Thanksgiving Break

Please let me know if your child will not be in school on Wednesday before Thanksgiving break, so I can send home a card that is being made by your child. Thanks!

Polar Express Day

Mark your calendars so you will be available to help at our 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 if you can't stay for the event.

ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

POETRY NOTEBOOKS

"A Turkey"

ALPHABET PROJECT

Umbrella or unicorn

MEET WITH MS. SAVAGE

Thanksgiving card and Weekly Reader

WRITING

Chipmunk book page

GAMES

Turkey Matching game

SCIENCE LAB

Animals in Winter sort

HANDWRITING CENTER

Children practice writing capital and lower case Uu

ART FUN

Wildlife Collage

EXTRA FUN

Easels, Puzzles, Independent/Buddy Reading, Play doh

Religion

In religion this week, we discussed our church family. The children enjoyed thinking and talking about ways our church family helps us grow closer to God. We worked on making the Sign of the cross correctly. As we talk about how we are all part of God's family, our focus will be shifting to Advent and ways to help others. We read our Promise magazine today for church this weekend.



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Next Week there will be **no newsletter or homework.**

Happy Thanksgiving!

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving! May God bless you and keep you safe as you celebrate with family and friends.

Wednesday, November 26th is a 12:15 dismissal and there is no aftercare

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30

St. Nick Shoppe

The children will be shopping Friday, December 5th in the morning. Please make sure their envelope is filled out who they are buying for when you receive them.