

# Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

## English Language Arts

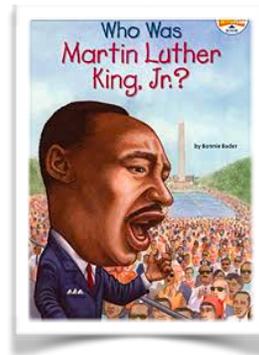
We had a busy week since Christmas vacation in kindergarten! Our class has been working on a mini unit studying some wonderful African Americans who have helped change our world for the better. On Tuesday we read a book called, "Happy Birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King". Everyone was surprised to hear about all the very bad laws that separated people by the color of their skin. They were happy to learn that Martin along with other wonderful people were able to get the laws changed. The children wrote about ways to continue making the world a wonderful place to live. These ideas were glued to paper Martin Luther Kings the kids made and are on our bulletin board in the hallway. We watched a book on Youtube called, I Am Rosa Parks. The



children were amazed at all the different facts they learned about Rosa, ranging from, she was sick all the time as a child to how short she was. At centers, the children had the opportunity to read and color a booklet about Rosa Parks and competed a time line of Ruby Bridges' life. Ruby Bridges was a very brave little girl who led the way in the desegregation of schools in Georgia.

## Math

We started a new math center sheet this week. The children are working on the following activities: Before and After- Students roll dice and decide who has the bigger number then follow up the activity by filling in missing numbers on a penguin worksheet. Hidden numbers- Students use their sharp eyes to find numbers 0-9 hidden among insects. Hungry Caterpillar count and color sheet. Stack, Tell Spin and Win comparison number game. One Bright Monday Morning counting story and math journals. The first **Math Blaster homework** will come home next Thursday and is a review of concepts covered since the beginning of the year. It is meant as reinforcement and review of concepts presented at school and should be easily completed by your child with little adult assistance. If this isn't the case or your child is giving you a difficult time about completing the sheet please let me know. Please help your child develop good homework habits by having him/her return the Math Blaster on Friday morning. Thanks in advance for your support with this activity.



## Bits and Pieces

### No School

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., there is no school on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please practice coat zippering, snapping and buttoning with your child. These are important self-help skills your child needs to learn. We are practicing at school, but more is needed at home. If your child can't put on gloves independently, please send mittens instead. Please make sure you send a coat to school everyday. Thanks!

## ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

### LISTENING

Martin Luther King Jr.  
write an interesting fact  
from the book and  
illustrate

### POETRY NOTEBOOK

Illustrated the poem  
"Martin Luther"  
highlighting the word  
"was"

### MEET WITH MS. SAVAGE

Sitton Spelling "Peter  
Rabbit " and quarterly  
assessments

### MATH LAB

Color by number; Martin  
Luther King

### DISCOVERY

Marker coloring a  
message of peace

### WRITING

Capital and lower case  
Rr, Rosa Parks booklet  
and Bus Project with fact  
writing

### ABC CENTER

Ruby Bridges Timeline

### ART FUN

Martin Luther King  
project and writing

### EXTRA FUN

Easels, Play Doh,  
Independent/Buddy  
Reading, Read Around  
the Room, I Pads.

## Religion

This week we have been talking about how God gives us loving people to help us. Our neighbors like firefighters, police, religious, teachers and many others help us to stay safe and grow in God's love. We know it is important to be grateful for all the love we have in our lives and to share it with those around us. We continue to work on The Lord's Prayer. As usual we focused on our Promise magazine today.



## Bits and Pieces

Thank you so much for the class gift card and the adorable ornament!  
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The 100th day of school is quickly approaching! Attached to the newsletter is information regarding a special 100 day project. Please read the information and let me know if you have any questions.

**Most importantly the project doesn't come to school until the 100th day which is February 9th. Hopefully we don't have anymore snow days between now and then!**

### Upcoming Events

The annual ICS Benefit Fund Raiser is on Friday, March 6th 6:30-10:30pm at the Ryland Inn. This is a wonderful event that is very important to our school.