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Kindergarten News

Science



We will be very busy in these next few months. Our Science Fair is in February, so we are preparing some wonderful science units. This week we have been learning about clouds. Ask your child to tell you the name of storm clouds. We also have been studying about lightning and thunder. We read a great book on what to do in a thunderstorm and also did our own little play with regards to the book.

Next week we will start our unit on the human body. We will be cutting out our own body shapes and filling them in with our organs that we learn about. We will focus on the brain, heart, lungs, muscles, etc.

Reading



We are now on our 10th pre-decodable book. Please have your child read them to you. They are so proud of themselves – as they should be. I have also started working with the children on reading Level One books. Every day I will personally work with each child on an individual basis and help them with these books. Their reading is coming along at such a great pace and they love to read. I believe this is just as important as knowing how to read. Please continue reading with your child on a daily basis.

Please read our bulletin board located outside Mrs. Rock's room. The children did an amazing job on their Kindness journals.

Math



We continue to work on shapes and money. The children are still learning about money. This process takes awhile, so I am constantly having the children work with play money. We are focusing on pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. If you are shopping with your child, please ask them to help you out with the money at the check out line. They will feel so important and it just helps them with learning the place value.

General



We are working on sentences in our daily Greek lessons. We have learned how to say I want strawberries, milk, etc. We continue to work on body parts, food and drinks, and the daily calendar. The children are fluent with the days of the week and numbers up to 40! SO proud of them.

We continue to work on using our manners and how or what we say can effect people in different ways. We also are working on our tone of voice. I continue to acknowledge the positive behavior and try to re-direct any negative behavior. These are social skills that will be with the children for life. Very important for the children to understand appropriate behavior.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all! I hope everyone had an amazing Christmas break. We attended church on January 6th for Epiphany. Next week we will attend chapel on Friday.