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Kindergarten News

Science



We are continuing our unit on the human body. We have learned about the nervous system and the brain. Mrs. Rock taught the children a fun game on how our nerves work. Ask your child if they can teach you the game about nerves!

The children all know how many bones there are in a human body. They also know that infants have more bones. Ask them to tell you how many.

We have wrapped up our unit on weather. We made beautiful pictures about the different clouds by using cotton balls and paint!

Reading



We are loving our chapter book and really are enjoying **Cam and the mysteries she solves**. At first the children asked where the pictures were but now they understand to just listen and imagine their own pictures while I am reading. It is so much fun.

Once a week I will be sending home a homework assignment titled "Book Report". Please have your child pick out the book and read it together. The book report worksheet is simple but fun. The first one went home on Thursday. IF you have any questions please contact me.

We sure have missed Haley this week. I hope you feel better soon. See you next week. Please keep your child home if they are sick. Check out your HTA handbook for further guidelines and rules.

Math



We are counting by 5s and have made it to 50! This upcoming week we will extend it and count by 5s to 100.

We are still working on geometric shapes and patterns. It has been a hard concept to understand but we have had fun learning it. We used playdough until it dried up so now we are using strings and cut out shapes. I always have the children practice on the white board. This continues to be a huge hit. They love to play "teacher" with each other.

Please continue writing numbers with your child. We write up to 20 and it is getting better.

General



We loved learning about Noah and the Ark in religion this week. The kids got a kick out of trying to recall all the animals that went on the ark. We even started naming insects! We ended the lesson by coloring our own arks and adding animals – and of course Noah. We learned about rainbows in our Weather unit so I had the children draw a rainbow too. Ask them to tell you the order of the colors on a rainbow. We learned a song about it and the children continue singing it on a daily basis.

We are now speaking short sentences in Greek. They have learned the words I, want, why and am. Please ask them to tell you a sentence in Greek.

Please remember to wear a skirt on days we attend church. This week we will be attending church on Friday. Wednesday is Spirit Day, so please wear your HTA shirt. Have a great weekend! When you get a chance, check out the bulletin boards outside the classroom.