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Pre K 4 News

Writing



Αλφα, Βητα, Γαμμα, Δελτα,
Επιλον, Ζητα, Ητα, Θητα...

They are written like this:

Αα, Ββ, Γγ, Δδ, Εε, Ζζ, Ηη, Θθ

These are the first 8 letters of the Greek alphabet. The children are learning what they look like, how they sound, Greek words that begin with them, and how to write them. Whew! That's a lot!

Reading



Our Greek books that we have been working on are getting thick and fat with information and beautiful color sheets that depict Greece's rich culture including the history of the Greek flag, along with practical things the children have been learning like shapes, colors, animals, objects, and much more!

They have been reading other books, too for their own enjoyment. After completing a project their favorite thing is to go to the bookshelf and read out loud whatever book they choose. Listening to them retell a story or read to a friend is a great confidence builder. Not only that, young readers inspire great ideas!

English letters we are learning:

Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff, Gg, Hh, Ii, Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn, Oo, Pp, Qq, Rr, Ss, Tt, Uu, Vv, Ww, Xx, Yy, Zz

Orthodoxy



Last week we learned about the Adoration of the Cross, which symbolizes the midpoint of Great Lent. We recognize the cross as a symbol of Christ's love for us and the great sacrifice He made for all of us to have eternal life.

This week we remember a special saint called St. John Climacus. He taught us that Lent is the time to be sorry for the wrong things we have done. Lent is a time for us to change our ways. We will also learn about how Jesus healed a boy when he was sick. The boy was cured because his father believed that Jesus was the Saviour. Jesus can heal us too; we only have to believe.

Upcoming Events

As we continue to learn about the Greeks and their heritage and culture, it is important for us to reinforce what we do now as families and possibly new traditions that make our family unique.

We are continuing to ready ourselves for Pascha by teaching them to love one another and focusing on the Golden Rule of "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

To do these things, your children are learning different ways to be kind and to help each other in every way that a 3-year can. Ways to help reinforce these things at home can be as simple as passing out the napkins, pushing in their chairs, and when necessary saying I'm sorry. We teach our children by our own example and by leading good and productive lives we will be sure to set them on the right course to making good choices and become the adults we know you want them to be!

We live and die; Christ died and lived! ~ John Stott