



Weeks of 9/26/2011
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1st Grade News

Science



We are working on learning how to care for our pets. The children have all been talking about each of their pets and how much they mean to them all. We will be bringing home a pet schedule that we have been working on in class.

We are working on manners and how important it is to have them. The children all know that I expect them to greet everyone and always start the day with a smile. We are also touching on feelings and how different ones can make us act. If someone is sad they usually will cry and that is ok. I am teaching them that it is ok to feel your emotions but you have to think before you react to them.

Reading



We are making our own books!! We have been talking about how a book is made and who does it. They now know who an author and illustrator is. These books will be ready to come home next week. We have been working hard on them, so enjoy them with your child.

Our printing is so nice and neat. I love how the children use a finger space between words. This makes a huge difference!

New spelling words will come home on Monday.

Greek festival is quickly approaching. Juli Pritsos will have a sign up sheet for all to help in the hot dog booth. It is so much fun and we all get to socialize while helping out. See you all there.

Math



We are learning a fun way to remember odd and even numbers. We all held up one finger to respect Mr. Oddball and he was all alone. Then we added another finger which gave Mr. Oddball a buddy and he was not alone anymore. Then 3 fingers show Mr. Oddball again because there is one without a buddy, etc. The children love this and we go up to 20!

We have been practicing on writing our numbers. The children sometimes do reversals so the practice is great for them. Try and get them to write numbers with you at home.

General



Greek lessons are going great. The children know how to say "What color is this"? They also know most of the colors and are now working on body parts. I will do a small Greek lesson every morning which goes along with Kyria Nektaria's lesson. Please try and practice at home. I will do a little of their homework with them but have no time to do it all. Thanks for your help.

Star of the Week is a huge hit. This past week was Ani and next week will be Ellanore. Every child will get a chance to participate.

Please continue practicing the correct way to do the cross. We do it on a daily basis and the children are very comfortable with it.