



Weeks of 10/3/2011 - 10/14/2011
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1st Grade News

Science



Our Social Studies unit this week was so much fun. We are talking about our families and how important family time is to us. Some of us have large families while others have small families. The most important thing we learned was to spend time with our families and love them always. In this unit we each said one thing we like to do with our families. Then I divided the children into two groups. The group picked a team captain who then gave each student a job. The assignment was to make a poster about family time. They got so creative while doing this. They used tissue paper, markers, glue and packing popcorn balls to make their poster. One group did their poster of families going to the movies together. The other group did Chuck E Cheese, pool, and playground time.

Reading



We are having fun in our reading groups. We love going over to Mrs. Rock's class and reading our books and filling out our reading logs. The Spalding method of learning is so much fun. We learn the letters and how some letters make one sound while others make two.

Quick reminder of the elements of reading: Phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Phonics is the predictable patterns that help us to know how to pronounce a word. We work on that a lot in first grade!

Come check out our walls outside our classroom. I am constantly putting up fabulous work from the children. They made beautiful poems in religion this week. Check them out!!

Math



We love doing our Minute Math worksheets. We have learned how to use a number line, tally and our now working on addition and subtraction. We love using our fingers and sometimes our toes to solve problems!

Next week we will get into learning how to tell time. We worked on this last year but only on the hour and now we are going to work on the minutes on the clock. Please practice at home by asking questions with your child. I have started asking them to tell me the time and they are loving it.

General



The Greater Phoenix Greek Festival will be October 7, 8, and 9. Please find some time to volunteer. It is so much fun and you will really help out the church. This is our largest fundraiser and we could really use the help.

We will not have school on Thursday, Oct 6, Friday, Oct 7 and Monday, Oct 10 due to the Festival. School will resume on Tuesday, October 11.

Please practice the Greek lessons with your child. I do it on a daily basis and try to finish all their homework with them. They are really speaking very well and are enjoying it!

The time for our music lesson has been moved from 12:20pm to 10:00am. We are still getting music on Tuesday, Art on Wednesday and Greek on Wednesday too. We are enjoying computers on Tuesday afternoon and strings on Thursday afternoon. Boy we are so lucky to offer these great subjects!!