

Kindergarten News
Week of May 16 -20

It is hard to believe that school is almost over for the year. What a year it has been! It has been a blessing to be with your children as their kindergarten teacher.

This week in science we learned about how animals and plants can change the environment. For example, beavers build dams to create ponds for their lodges, tree roots can crack sidewalks, and people can clear forests to build homes. We also built bridges for paper gnomes so that they could cross a lake to get their vegetables to the farmers' market in a timely way. Thank you for sending cardboard boxes and tubes to provide materials for this project.

In literature we learned more about those beavers and their building skills. In the "Building Beavers" book we discussed the main idea and details that supported it. We also acted out words that have multiple meanings, such as track, duck, and wave. We wrote papers that described animals that we saw at the zoo. Please continue to read with your child this summer.

In social studies we reviewed national symbols and also learned about directions on a map. As you travel this summer, show your child a map that guides you to your destination. Point out the directions east, west, north and south.

In math we completed our unit on addition and subtraction up to ten. Please continue practicing these skills, as well as counting and shape recognition, in situations that arise in daily life.

In religion we learned about the virtue of responsibility from stories about St. Peter. He accepted responsibility for his mistakes and was faithful to fulfill the tasks that Jesus gave him. In Second Step we learned more about solving problems in our relationships with others. Please continue to pray with your child this summer.

On Wednesday we will have fun as a school with Field Day. Please have your child wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Please apply sunscreen before school.

On Thursday morning at 10:30 you are invited to an End-of-the-Year party. We will have a slide show, songs, and food to eat. You should have received an email about this from the room mother. School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

My prayer for you this summer is based on Numbers 6: 24-26. "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

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