

Kindergarten News
Week of October 11 - 15

We are starting the second quarter of school next week.

In literature last week we read about some things we can learn when we look closely at nature. We read a book called *Nature Spy*, which was about a girl who went on a walk in the country and observed all kinds of interesting things with a hand lens. Then we each looked through a hand lens at our thumbs and seashells. In phonics we reviewed the consonants we have learned so far. Next week we will learn about the vowels, especially letter A. Our new high frequency words will be *my*, *like*, and *we*. Have your child look for these words in story books, magazines or newspapers.

In math we completed a unit on numbers zero to five. We will begin a new unit on numbers six through ten. Have your child practice counting at home. Things to count could be such things as the number of windows in your house, socks in the drawer, cans in the kitchen, or stuffed animals in the bedroom.

In science we finished a unit on keeping our bodies healthy. We also learned about squirrels. They are such interesting creatures!

In religion we began a unit on God's gift of friends. We talked about the fact that good friends do not tattle; they only tell the teacher about problems that cannot be resolved without adult help. In Second Step we also continued learning more about the feelings God gave us.

I brought in a pumpkin to decorate our room, which my son had drawn a face on. The children voted to name the pumpkin Jenny. I hope Jenny will be with us for a few weeks.

If you have not signed up for a parent-teacher conference yet, please do so soon. Conferences will be held on October 28 and 29.

My prayer for you this week is based on Hebrews 4:14-16. "Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." May you be encouraged as you go to our merciful God in prayer.

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