



October News

During the month of October, we will continue to strive to do our best.

Handwriting- We will be concentrating on writing lowercase letters. Also, we will be learning each letter in sign language. The children will learn two to three words with each new letter learned.

Phonics/Spelling- We will be focusing on short vowel sounds. Have your child sing the vowel song!

Language Arts- We will continue to work on sentence structure and be writing a personal narrative. We will use literature as a springboard for speaking and writing.

Religion- The children will understand that there are many ways to praise God and that through Baptism we become children of God and Christians.

Math- We are working on the concept of addition. The students will use pictures, counters, symbols, and numbers to add.

Reading- The students work in a small and large group every day. We focus on fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, phonics, and literary skills. Please have your child read independently or with you every night.

Social Studies- We will begin talking about families and how they interact and work together in the family unit.

Your child will participate weekly in Circle sharing. The children sit in a circle. I start with a brief introduction of a topic we will be discussing, an example of a topic could be, a secret wish I have. The students go around the circle sharing their wish. Then I follow up with discussion questions that are meant to evoke feelings, for example, what would life be like without wishes and dreams? Some of the rules we follow in Circle are: only the person who is holding the talking piece may talk, no interrupting, and you can pass at any time. Circle gives each child a chance to be heard and it develops trust and respect. I have told the children that what is said in Circle should remain in Circle. This is to teach the children not to talk about friend's answers and feelings and to strengthen our trust in one another. Please feel free to ask your child about Circle. Your child will feel comfortable with you and might tell you about other student's responses. Please just keep the purpose of Circle in mind.

Have a great October!
Mrs. Audra Rizzo

