

M A Y / J U N E 2 0 1 0

# Kindergarten

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## Math

In Math, we will continue to count, recognize, represent, name and order a number of objects up to 30. We will also continue to practice forming numbers correctly (i.e. top to bottom and without reversals). We will practice writing simple addition and subtraction problems horizontally and vertically. In addition to our math books, we will use our white boards and games on the SMART board to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will learn how to tell time to the hour with an analog and digital clock. We will review the parts and functions of a calendar as a tool to tell time. We will identify and count pennies, nickels and dimes. We will also be introducing a math website called mathletics which helps students to review concepts and practice computation skills.

## Reading

The students are tracking print with their reading finger and using letter-sounds, pictures and repetition to help read new and unfamiliar words. We will be using pictures to make predictions and share observations about story content. We will read stories with strong patterns of rhythm and rhyme. Students will compare real and make-believe story elements. Students will be asked to recall story events in sequence. We will continue to use a “word of the day” from our sight word list and practice reading words we have already learned. Also, students will use their silent reading bags with books of various levels and topics so they may self-select books they are interested in. We will have a children’s author come and read to us on Literature Day! We will be introducing a new website called RazKids where children can listen to books, read books with pronunciation and vocabulary support and record their reading.

## Writing

The students will continue to practice writing complete sentences with two-finger spacing, proper capitalization and punctuation. We will be working more frequently in our writing journals, and we will be challenging the students to expand on their thoughts. We will be working on how to build a sentence (using a who, what, how and when). We will also be learning how to select a topic to write about. We will learn how to narrow down our topic by selecting two or three main ideas (or “star ideas”) to focus on. We will then expand on our main ideas by providing examples to support them. The students will practice writing on our class chart paper, white boards, blank and lined paper and sentence strips. We will work more in depth with rhyming words and word families. We encourage you to send us postcards or notes for the Kindergarten Post Office. The children love writing and receiving letters!

## Listening and Speaking

Kindergarteners are learning how to use complete and coherent sentences when speaking in front of an audience. They are learning to recite prayers, rhymes and songs. They are also continuing to work on using good manners and being respectful. They will practice using basic sign language as a tool to express themselves without sound. They will use these skills in preparation for their Graduation and the End of the School Year Mass.

## Social Studies

In Social Studies, we will continue learning about the locations of people, places and things. We will share stories about holidays and traditions. We will learn about people and places from long ago.

## Science

In Science, we will identify parts of animals and plants as well as how we can care for them. We will be watching caterpillars grow into butterflies and planting seeds, which will grow into plants. We will be working in our "Science Journal" and we will be conducting experiments and recording our observations.

## Religion

In Art in Action this month, the students will be studying Pierre Auguste Renoir's *Children on the Seashore* and creating their own seascapes using their fingers as their paintbrush. We will be teaching the children how to take part in directed drawing lessons. In Music, we will be listening and singing along to new songs in preparation for the Spring Concert, End of the School Year Mass and Graduation.

## The Arts

Kindergarten students are learning that God's love teaches us to love others. We are learning that Jesus is the Son of God and Mary is the mother of Jesus. We will share Bible stories to remind us to follow the example of Jesus and Mary. In May and June, we are focusing on learning the St. Gregory School Prayer. We will also be preparing for the End of the School Year Mass.

