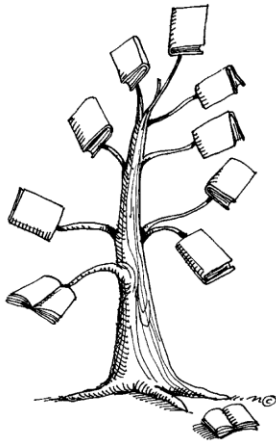


*Mrs. Hyatt's Classroom News: September 27, 2010 to October 8, 2010*



**Kindergartners:** In math, we have been working on number s 1-10, ordinal numbers, comparing size, weight, capacity, and height. In language arts, we have been working with listening skills, and classic nursery rhymes. Examples include Humpty Dumpty, Little Miss Muffet, Little Boy Blue, Jack Jump over the Candle Stick, Jack and Jill, Five Little Sucks, Sing a Song of Sixpence, Pussy Cat Pussy Cat, and Hickory Dickory Dock.

**First Graders:** In math, we have been working on mastering our addition and subtraction facts, measurement, less than/greater than, and number words. In language arts, we have been working with the theme “penguins” to master capitalization, initial and final blends, beginning “r” blends, and short vowel review. We have also started working with volunteers for reading group activities.

**Second Graders:** In math, we have been working with the number line, double-digit addition, number words, place value, number order, operation symbols, telling time, fractions, and money. In language arts, we have been working with the use of a thesaurus and synonyms, following instructions, time order words and the writing process, common and proper nouns, capitalization use, commas, and plural nouns that change spelling.

**All grades:** In history, we have been working with farming past and present and settlers in the New World. In science, we are working on the Earth’s movement. In our bible studies, we have been studying about Jacob and Joseph. We have also been studying the 50 states. We have received three of the fifty postcards from families across the United States. So far, we have received Pennsylvania, Delaware, and next week will be New Jersey. To add to our state study, we have been learning a song about the 50 states. The kids are learning how to sing the 50 states in alphabetical order. As an enrichment and character development activity, we listened to Adventures in Odyssey “A lesson in Humility”, which stresses the importance of being humble over bragging. For story time we read the second book in the series of “The Library Mouse” by Daniel Kirk. The book was tied into the biblical lesson of resisting temptation. For the Fall season kick-off we enjoyed the book “by Jennifer Ward. The kids enjoyed journaling about both books in their class journals. For Fun Friday we watched the Veggie Tales new movie release “A Meaningful Life”, a lesson on being content. The kids also completed their positive caterpillar for the week, so we enjoyed making some homemade butter for a treat : )

**Other Happenings:** Next week in Science we will be studying the History of the Earth. To add to our lesson, I am allowing students to bring in anything that has to do with fossils or dinosaurs for show and tell.

I am taking class donations of items for snack time. Ideas include: pretzels, goldfish, animal crackers, etc...Parents please remind your children to save a snack for second break (versus eating during lunch). Oftentimes there are a handful of students who do not have a snack for second snack time. Snacks are important as it keeps the kids fueled for learning throughout the day. I do not always have a snack on hand during these times, so bringing enough to cover both snacks and lunch is important.

*Teaching for Him,*

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