Shank's Newsletter JK Week of August 29, 2022

**Welcome one and all.** We have had a busy week. Much of the week we focused on learning rules and routines as well as reading and talking about kindness. Please ask your students about how to "fill" someone's bucket. We also read "The Kissing Hand" and made a special kissing hand for you. Another read aloud was "Pete the Cat and His Rockin School Shoes:. Then the students made their own rockin school Shoes. Friday we read "Brown Brown, Brown Bear" by Eric Carle and sequenced the story. We made a hat to go with that. We also talked about shapes in our environment. I know that many of you were concerned about rest time. I think you would be surprised how many of the students actually fell asleep. We run hard. Those few that didn't were content to rest on their mats. Rest time is only about an hour. I apologize for not always being able to get back to you by email in the morning. I do not have any break until rest time, (and even then I may be busy). We are required to get back to you within 24 hours. I will do my best to at least get back to you after school has ended. I am so happy to see all of the healthy meals coming to school, (yogurt, fruit, crackers, cheese, nuts, and other proteins, ) We certainly don't refuse snacks and chips. They just need that protein.

## **The Coming Week**

#### <u>Literacy:</u>

We will continue reading books about kindness and friendship. I will not begin letters until the following week.

Math: We will start looking at numbers 1-5. We count, work on one to one correspondence, and the many ways to make a number.

# **Religious Education**

We began talking about God's love for us is everlasting and how we can love Jesus. The students created a heart that represents God's love for us and our love for God. We started working on saying our morning and afternoon prayers as well as our prayers before a meal. That will continue. Next week we will be talking also about creation and how we can respect our earth.

### **Science**

The seasons unit will begin with a general introduction of the 4 seasons, (what you wear, what the weather looks like, i.e.). This will eventually segue into our unit on Fall, apples and pumpkins.

#### Other

- Children need a water bottle each day. Please put names on water bottles.
- Be sure to sign up for the

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