

Shank's Junior Kindergarten Newsletter

Week of Sep 5, 2022

What a great week we had. The students are doing such a good job with learning the routines and expectations. I am very proud of them. It was our first visit to the Chapel. We talked about appropriate behavior during Chapel and Mass. While Mass was held this week we did not participate. I want to take an opportunity to practice with them before we attend. My hope is that we will be able to do so in several weeks. Our focus for religious education was "Creation". Nurse Q came into the classroom and had a great demonstration about germs and washing hands. We learned a song called "tops and bottoms". In literacy we talked about the difference between an author and illustrator. We also read aloud stories about the seasons. We focused on summer and the students completed a "writing" activity where the students used their five senses to tell about summer. In math we began working with our numbers 1-5. Most of them can recognize the numbers and count objects to 5.

The Coming Week

Literacy: Our study of the alphabet will begin with the letter S. The students will learn to identify the letter, its sound, and name some things that begin with that sound. We have also started "writing" or more accurately pre-writing. I give them a prompt, they draw a picture and they dictate a sentence to me. This helps with understanding that letters make words, make sentences, i.e. and that words have power.

Math: Continuation of number and number sense focusing on one to one correspondence, (touch and count) and sequencing numbers to 5.

Religious Education

We will begin a unit on prayer, such as what types of prayers there are, the Psalms, and learning the Our Father and Hail Mary.

Science

We will continue looking at the seasons and talking about Summer. Because we are talking about seasons we will also be investigating why we have seasons, the earth's revolution and rotation, and what makes day and night.

Other

Back to School night on Wednesday at 6:00 in the gym and classroom sessions begin in classrooms at 6:30 and 7:00. Hope you all can make it. If not I have handouts that I will send home.

Yours in Christ,
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