

Mrs. Drew's Second Grade News

Week of: October 2-6, 2017
Newsletter #8



New Student - We are excited to welcome Charlotte Marr to our classroom. Charlotte will join us on October 16.

This is what we did this week:

Religion - This week we completed unit 2 titled The Promised Land and began unit 3, Bad Times and Good Times. We read the story of Ruth. God shows His love for us by caring for His people and continuing His plan of salvation. Even though we are in God's family, we have troubles caused by sin in us and in the world. God is at work in the midst of our sadness. He blesses us through Jesus, our Redeemer from sin and through others He sends into our lives.

Memory Verse:

(For Wednesday, October 18 2017.)

"The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge in Him."

Nahum 1:7

Spanish - Students are learning the months of the year, Los Meses del Año. Ten students shared their birthdays (in English), and the class practiced the pronunciation of these dates in Spanish. They also practiced their color words and counting (all the way to 30!) in Spanish.

Science - We read and learned about owls. The students enjoyed a presentation on birds from a Great Plains Nature Center Guide. They felt owl feathers, bird bones, and saw a live owl.

Phonics - Students learned that combination "or" also makes the /er/ sound as in doctor. We reviewed bossy w giving the combination "or" the /er/ sound as in worm. Another new letter combination was wh. We played phonics bingo with letter sounds from various combinations, learned about contractions and took a phonics assessment.



Math - Students continued their work with growing and repeated patterns, worked with doubles plus one math facts, practiced 9 facts, worked with number stories, and told time to the half-hour. Students continued to work on test taking strategies which covered identifying a number sentence that can be used to solve a problem, identifying how many more on a graph, and identifying the missing shape in a repeating pattern.

Spelling - Our next spelling test will be **Wednesday, October 18**. Students will be spelling sight words previously tested in reading. These words may require more study time because these sight words do not follow the phonetic rules. Some words may be repeated from previous spelling tests.

Spelling Words

here why yellow what your could would there girl right have
said says school look like yes out bird saw

Reading - Students are working on reading fluency (the ability to read quickly, accurately, and expressively), and reading comprehension. Students should be reading daily at home for at least 15 minutes. In order to develop fluency, daily practice is necessary. Fluency is also a necessary skill for developing reading comprehension. Parents, please model fluent reading and then have your child read the same text aloud in the same way. Repeated oral readings improve word recognition, speed, and accuracy. For most children, four re-readings of a text are sufficient to build fluency. Spend time each week helping your child learn sight words from the Wonders list, previously sent home, and from the phonics papers that come home daily. Instant recognition of these words will also help your child improve fluency.

Students had a great time at the BMX Bike show this week on Thursday. One of the highlights was watching a biker jump over Mrs. Boettcher and Mr. Wolgast while they were seated at the top of the ramp! The students also had fun making several videos showing some of our routines and procedures. The videos will be used at the Professional Church Workers Conference in Topeka to show other teachers about our school at Holy Cross.

Reminders

Upcoming Events

- October 9, 10, 11 NO SCHOOL
- Friday, October 13, PICTURE DAY!
- Don't forget to turn in your Sunday School/Church attendance forms
- The children did a great job singing last Sunday! Thank you!
- October 18, Report Cards issued
- October 19 & 20 Parent Teacher Conferences No School

