

## Kindergarten Happenings

April 27, 2012

We were busy this week! I keep reminding them, school is not out. I have a month to teach them everything they need to know for first grade. We were a bit “squirrely” this week; please help me remind them to make good choices and practice “self-control”.

### **Our Week in Review**

This week we read A Walk by the Seashore to start our ocean unit, read The Ocean, discussed it, comparing the creatures in the ocean, practiced taking away beginning sounds to make new words, thought of words given a sound, reviewed pronouns, practiced sight words and read new decodable books. In Religion, we talked about good and bad choices we make. We brainstormed who we can ask for help making good choices and learned that there is always a consequence for our choices, good and bad. In Math, we finished our money unit by playing store, reviewing penny, nickel and dime and taking our test. We took a quick look at quarters and began working on our addresses. We continued our butterfly theme by making beautiful tissue paper butterflies that are flying around our room, assembling giant monarch butterflies, writing a class book about where we would go if we were butterflies and watching a fascinating video about butterfly metamorphosis. We had a class meeting about self-control, were great in Mass, read with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and learned the parts of the face in Spanish. We are really speeding up as the year winds down!

### **Skills Practice**

Be sure to practice addresses, counting by 2's, the Glory Be and sight words. Testing for the fourth quarter has begun, so be sure to brush up on address, number and counting. Even though we are done with our addition chapter, keep practicing simple facts. They will be working with them in timed drills next year. Keep reading and blending words, they are doing a great job!

### **Odds and Ends**

- Watch for a book order coming home next week. I will have several different flyers to give you LOTS of choices. It will be the last one of the year, so keep in mind your reading needs for the summer!
- Field day is Wednesday, May 23rd. Lots of volunteers are needed to make this a safe and fun day for everyone. A sign up email will be coming soon.
- We will take a whole kindergarten picture at 2:30 on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. If you can, please schedule around it so everyone can be in the picture.

***Have a beautiful weekend!***

Mrs. Novak