



St. Teresa of Avila Kindergarten News

October 3rd - October 7th

Literacy: We have been singing an alphabet song written by Nellie Edge, a Kindergarten teacher. The song is called *ABC Phonics: Sing, Sign and Read!* The children seem to love it and at the same time they are learning the sounds for each letter and how to sign the alphabet using American Sign Language. We have included the chart in this week's folder for you to keep at home and there is a letter explaining it on the back of this newsletter.

Math: We determined which of three figures in a set is unique, learned to recognize the word four, to write the number '4' correctly (*down and over and down some more, that's the way to make a 4*) and we learned sign language for the numbers up to 4.

Religion: Matthew 22. 1-14

In the Gospel for this Sunday, we are reminded that Jesus invites us to His table and He invites all people to belong to the family of God. We also discussed many of the meanings for liturgical gestures such as kneeling, singing and genuflecting, and we practiced some of the common responses of the Mass. On Monday, we celebrated the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi and performed our presentation of him to the school at Morning Prayer.

St. Teresa of Avila will be our Saint of the Month for October.

The kids are really beginning to want to write...yeah! This is the beginning of the reading/writing process. Please encourage them to do this anytime they are interested. It should be when they have shown the interest, but a little encouragement is always a good thing! Some of the kids might be at the scribbling stage or you might see random letters that correspond to nothing...all are good! Soon you will begin to see a beginning letter for every word that they are trying to write or a beginning and ending letter and eventually even a few vowels added! This is all "invented spelling," and all are good! The invented spelling allows the kids the comfort and security to take risks and to begin to explore with consonant/vowel connections. Books with rhyming words and repetitive patterns are excellent resources for learning to read.

Tomorrow will be the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The month of October dedicated to the Holy Rosary and so we have been praying a decade of the rosary in our classroom each morning. It was also very exciting for the children to read the title of this Feast Day because "our" is one of our Fry words this week!

Just a reminder that on minimum days, "Half Spirit Days" the children may wear any St. Teresa of Avila tee-shirt along with their uniform pants, shorts, or skorts....please do not worry if your child does not have anything...lots of kids wear the regular school uniform... I have some extra old St. Teresa t-shirts at home that I will bring and put up in the used uniform room upstairs. There are also some St. Teresa T-shirts available for sale in the office.

Next week will be 'F' week.
New Fry words: *for, on, our*

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 7th -- Minimum day / students dismissed at 12:30 (staff meeting) / Half Spirit Day

Thursday, October 13th -- School portraits by Lifetouch / students wear uniforms

Friday, October 14th -- No school for students (Diocesan training for teachers)