

Peabody Papers: September 16, 2017

Hospital Field Trip: First graders in Taylorville are invited to visit the hospital each September. I just confirmed out date and time for our hospital visit on Friday. The permission slips for the trip to Taylorville Memorial Hospital will be in your child's home folder on Monday. Please fill the slips out completely, and return them on Tuesday. We will be going by bus on Wednesday, Sept. 27. Our time is from 9:00 - 10:30. Chaperones for the trip have been secured.

Spelling Words for final test on September 22: clip clip slip fag clack plan win sit be pull
Spelling Words for final test on September 29: hop top log hot hot lot flip black they too

Home Folder and Assessments and Written Work: Again, I stress the importance of checking your child's folder each evening. Several sets of written work, two weekly assessments in reading, and three math assessments have been sent home for your perusal and signature. It is my suggestion that you work with your child to help him/her make corrections, and return the papers the following school day. The purpose is to ensure you are aware of your child's progress - - of his/her strengths and weaknesses as soon as possible. Checking your child's folder each day also keeps you informed on your child's behavior at school, and shows your child you are interested in what he/she is learning and doing in school. Some assessments and/or written work has been returned without a parent signature. Notices from the office, "empty" lunch tickets, and other information is often sent home via the home folder. Please do check it every evening.

Religion: We have come to know God as our Creator and have learned of His gifts of Creation. Now, we will learn ways we take care of the gifts we've been given.

Please work on the prayer , "The Sign of the Cross." Yes; it is a prayer in itself! We are to use our right hand. Touching our forehead and moving down to our chest is done to remind us that Jesus came down from Heaven to Earth to save us from our sin. We move from the chest to our left shoulder, and then to our right and are reminded that Jesus came to "reverse the curse" of Original Sin, and that we, as Christians, are willing to take up the Cross ourselves. In signing ourselves, we have "put on the Armor of Christ." It is a sign of our salvation, and should always be prayed without haste, and in a manner of respect.

The prayer is, 'In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.' We are further reminded that we believe in the Triune God, and our "Amen" shouts, "Yes, this is what we believe!" The Sign of the Cross is a sacramental; *"A sacramental is anything set apart or blessed by the Church to excite good thoughts and to increase devotion, and through these movements of the heart to remit venial sin. The chief sacramental is The Sign of the Cross."* --*The Baltimore Catechism*. Who knew this simple prayer says so much about our faith? Wow!

Reading Update: We have completed Week Two, Unit One. On Monday, we begin Week Three. Skills we are working on include: sight word recognition, developing vocabulary, listening comprehension and retell, recognizing key details and the main idea, words ending in double consonants, making nouns plural (no root changes,) building words with "l" blends, and reading fluency. The students are taking turns reading to the class books from their book folders. This provides students to work on fluency, and to discuss the story with their peers. We have heard from six students thus far, and all of the students are excited to have their turn. Pre-reading the book at home makes reading aloud to the class easy!

Math: The first set of fact cards will be sent home this week! Look for an assessment each week. We are to begin to write addition sentences and "some, some more" stories, identify lines and angles of shapes, and to identify ordinals.

English: Students are labeling the parts of given sentences by identifying the subject noun, verb, adverbs, and adjectives. They are writing complete sentences and are to use capital letters and end punctuation.

Social Studies/Science: We have moved from the ocean to the apple orchard, and are now comparing the seasons of the year.

Homework that is not returned or is returned incomplete will be usually be completed in the office at our morning recess. Three "missing" or incomplete assignments each quarter will be marked on the grade card as "in need of improvement." More than that, students who do not complete homework miss out on practicing the skills of the day.

Fiesta: What beautiful weather we are blessed with this weekend! The fish Friday night was delicious! Hope to see many of you today and/or Sunday! Have a great weekend.