

September 2009

Kindergarten Class News

Well, we're not on summer vacation anymore are we?! Please give yourselves a pat on the back for getting your kindergartners up, out the door, uniforms on, arms full of snacks, lunches, Clifford, Clifford's backpack etc. What a great effort and at school at 7:45!

The K's are so very sweet. I have had a lot of fun getting to know them these last few days. They are such a bright group, I am excited about the "places" we can go this year! I am so happy that you chose to send them to GSCS.

At this point the children have met and have had classes with all their "specialty" teachers. All the teachers, Mrs. Irish for music and P.E., Mr. David for computer, Mrs. Thomas for library, and Senora Tinetti for Spanish have been impressed with how respectful the K's are. You parents have done a fine job.

Here are some highlights from the first eight K days...

- *We met all our teachers.
- *We had a tour of the school.
- *We started our Phonographix reading Program.
- *We practiced name writing.
- *Mrs. Weber read lots of "going to K" books and some children's classics.
- *Mrs. Vokos made math centers for us.
- *We ran laps on the big soccer field.
- *We learned each other's names.
- *Mrs. Eagan taught us some fun games.
- *We met our fifth grade buddies and went to Mass with them.
- *The children decided on rules for the playground, bathrooms, etc.
- *We met Grammy Dolores (Mrs. Weber's mother) and Mr. Weber.
- *We learned about class helpers.
- *Mr. Anderson reviewed school behavior expectations with us.
- *Some of the K's had turns taking Clifford home and we read their Clifford journal entries.
- *We had two birthdays.

*We learned some conflict resolution strategies.

*Mrs. Foley taught us playground procedures.

*We sang some songs and memorized some prayers.

This is a partial accounting! There is never a dull moment at GSCS!!!

Notes;

- 1) Our first field trip will be Oct. 23. We have a fun trip to Natural Bridges State Beach planned. We will have a park ranger teach Monarch Butterfly curriculum. We will tour the butterfly sanctuary and eat lunch at the park. We need parents to drive. Please settle all field trip Paperwork with Sandy Nelson ahead of time if you wish to drive and accompany us on field trips this year.
- 2) Homework for K's will start at a later date TBA.
- 3) If you haven't already, please clearly label all sweatshirts. We've been having 4-5 unlabeled sweatshirts left with us each day.
- 4) Please take class water bottles home each Friday to sterilize them. We need them back at school on Mondays.
- 5) Thank you for all the offers to volunteer in the classroom. If we haven't connected yet-Please contact me soon. Do we have any parents who would like to design, facilitate, and teach some science or art lessons? Other volunteer activities include "take home" prep projects and occasional classroom cleaning jobs.
- 6) Please help us with peanut allergies by trying almond or soy butter. Please remember, if you send "treats" to school that we have one child who is allergic to dairy, egg white, and nuts. Small juice bars, fruit, stickers or pencils are a safe treat for all.

Happy September,
Elizabeth Weber