



# Kinder News

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## Our Learning

Our first week of school in 2025 was a success! We had pretty good week in terms of behavior (minus 1 day). I was impressed with how the children were able to focus after such a long break. At the end of our days, we discussed how our day went briefly, to make them more aware of their choices throughout the day. We made a plan of how to do better the next day as well.

Thank you to all the families who met with me last week for parent-teacher conferences. It was nice to catch up with you all and talk about how your child has grown. We are thankful for your support too!

Before break, I had sent a note home saying the kids do not need blankets. The thought behind this was that we were not resting now. However, we are still having 10-15 minutes of quiet time, just to relax for a while. Studies show that a few minutes of quiet time helps information learned go from short-term memory to long-term memory. During this time, the kids can choose to rest, color, read, or work on a puzzle. If they would like to bring their blanket to lay on, they can. We will send it home each week for washing, like before.

Here is what we learned this last week:

Bible: Jesus walks on water, Jesus' transfiguration

Math: Counting by 10s, counting to 50 cents with dimes

Handwriting: Numbers review, CVC and sentences

Life Skills: Decision Making: "I can follow directions"

Social Studies: Our Country: Our Leaders, Civil Rights

Science: Our Changing World: Introduction

Music: Pitch: Low and high

Phonics: SUPERKIDS - Ee for Etabetta

Heart Words: Review of words learned so far

PE: Body Management: Balance, stunts, and tumbling

Art: Watercolors and crayon resistant painting

Raider Rally: None (no school Friday)

Centers: Variety of activities in the following categories;

pre-writing, writing, STEM, art,

fine motor, technology, and small

group reading skills with Mrs. Barnett

**May God bless your week!**



## Important Dates

**February 17th @ 6 PM** ~ Kindergarten round up

**March 9th @ 9AM** ~ Singing at Good Shepherd (K+1)

## Life Skills Practice

This week, we will continue to talk about responsible decision-making. Even at five and six, children can be taught to stop, think, and manage decisions. This is a step into more independence too. At home, try to use some of the strategies and ideas on the sheet that was sent home last week, to encourage the making of good decisions. Compliment your child on being mature too, when they make a good choice!

## Announcements & Reminders

**Apology** - Last week, I taught a social studies lesson about our country's leaders including our presidents and Martin Luther King, Jr. We discussed basic civil rights info, that many years ago, people were not all treated the same and how terrible that is. My point was that we must treat all people the same, as Jesus loves us all the same, no matter our skin color or what we look like. Unfortunately, not all the children came away with the same understanding. At parent-teacher conferences, it came to my attention that there was some confusion. If you hear your child making any comments that seem questionable or not accurate, please correct them and let me know too. I promise you, I did not make any racist comments, but a few things were misunderstood. I will be correcting and reteaching this coming week. If your child talks about our past Presidents, I named a few they might recognize the names of. We don't talk about politics, I am just giving them the basic information on our country, for later on schooling. :)