

Ms. Conaway's Kindergarten Newsletter

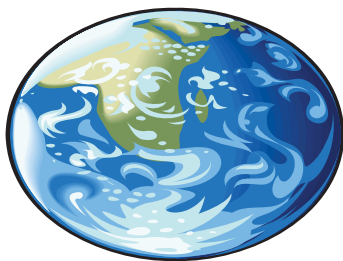
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Welcome to
St. John
School!

Meet the Superkids

In Kindergarten through Second Grade, we use Superkids by Rowland Foundation to teach Reading and Language Arts skills. The students and parents in recent classes loved this program. I am sure this year will be no different. In the first semester, we will meet all of the Superkids starting with Cass the week of September 6 followed by Oswald, and Golly this month. We plan on completing one character and his/her sound every week and half for the first month or two. Your child's book and a parent letter will come home at the completion of each unit. Anything you can do to reinforce the sound we are learning at school would be super!



Science/Social Studies/Health

The first two weeks our days will be spent learning about going to school and good manners. We will read many books with follow-up activities. Showing good manners at school will be on-going throughout the year. Please work on them at home too. We will work on the topics of stranger safety, telephone safety and crossing the street safely. The American flag will also be studied to coincide with Patriot's day. We will spend the week of 9/20 on teddy bears. On Friday of this week the students are asked to bring a teddy bear friend to school. More details to come. As a part of this unit, we will spend some time with the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We will read many versions of this story, journal, act out, discuss and complete projects for this story. This is an excellent story to coincide with our bear unit and manners. The final full week will be spent learning about different types of community helpers.

Religion

This month we will be working on the sign of the cross,. Our Father , snack prayer, meal prayer , and Glory Be for the end of the day prayer. Please work on these at home too.

Snack prayer (with hand motions)

Thank you for the world so sweet.
Thank you for the food we eat. Thank you for the birds that fly. Thank you God for everything.

Our first unit in our Religion series is entitled "God gives us many Gifts." We'll learn about his gift of the world, sun, moon, stars, and water. Look for little booklets and family pages to be shared as a family at the end of each chapter.

Math

Our Math series is by Houghton Mifflin. Each student has his/her own booklet by the publisher. We will begin a unit on positions and patterns. The students really enjoy this unit. Be prepared for your child to start seeing patterns all around his/ her environment. Next, we work on counting, writing, and identifying the numbers 0-5. We will be reinforcing the concepts in these two units through manipulatives, games, artwork, and paper and pencil activities. Please reinforce at home. For ideas on ways to work on these at home go to www.eduplace.com. Look for a Math newsletter to coincide with each new unit.