

September 24, 2021

Happy Kindergarten Friday,

The last two weeks have been jam packed with learning and fun in Kindergarten!

We have continued learning about sea life through art and books.

During math we have worked on 1:1 correspondence, how to make equal groups, shapes, and are moving into number formation.

Language arts happens during our LA block and is also interspersed throughout the day. We have been learning letter names and sounds, rhyming, categorizing, nouns, and pre-decodable books.

The first workbook of our ***One In Christ*** curriculum went home yesterday. We have learned the story of creation, Adam and Eve, and the story of Noah.

Science has focused on magnetic vs non-magnetic, living vs non-living, and sea life.

During social studies we have begun talking about community helpers. As we move into October our theme will move from sea life to Fall and fire safety month.

Last week the students began to have daily jobs. Each student has a job every day. The kindergarteners are very excited to have jobs and are eager to know what their new job is each morning.

Journal time has also been popular. We have a discussion or read a story then they are given a journal prompt to illustrate in their book.

**Scholastic books:** if you would like to order from Scholastic books please order online. Our class code is LF9WD. Our class earns points from parent orders which we can use to purchase new books for the classroom. Each month, I will send home new Scholastic flyers for you to look through. There is no obligation or pressure for you to buy books.

If you would like to **order pizza** for your student on Fridays, please email Jill Grant at [jgrant@tcskeene.com](mailto:jgrant@tcskeene.com).

The Kidsight Lions Club Children's Vision Screening program will be postponed due to New Hampshire's recent increase in COVID cases.

**School Portrait Photos** are October 5th. Please return your picture envelope to the office or our classroom.

## **A Closer Look at Morning Meeting:**

Our Morning Meeting begins at approximately 8:40 am. Our class comes together on the rug to begin our day. There are four major components of the morning meeting.

1. Greeting: we have learned a variety of ways to greet each other. For example, Ball Greet, I roll the ball to a student and say "Good morning \_\_\_\_\_". The student returns the greeting to me then rolls the ball to another student and greets that student. This continues until everyone has been greeted. We change to a new greeting every two to three days.
2. Sharing: On Monday morning everyone has a chance to share something about their weekend. Tuesday - Friday one student brings something special from home to share with the class. The share person calls on students to guess what they brought (5 guesses if they are 5 years old, etc.). The sharer then shows what they brought and tells them about it. The students then ask questions or comment about the share.
3. Movement: working movement into our day is VERY important. Every morning we play a movement game. Purple Soup was a favorite earlier this week. This morning we pretended to be stranded on a ship and couldn't return to our classroom until everyone made a rhyme.
4. Morning Message: Every morning the students have a new message on the board from me about our day. They also have a "check in". Sometimes they are asked to answer a question, such as, "Do you have a pet?" Or they are asked to draw a picture beginning with a letter we recently learned. I read the morning message aloud, the children then share what they wrote/drew for their check in.

Morning meeting is an important start to our day. It sets the tone for the rest of the day and helps build community in our classroom. I hope you enjoyed learning more about morning meeting. I will add a "Closer Look" to each of my update emails until we have covered all aspects of our day.

I pray you all have a wonderful weekend.

Yours in Christ,

*Debi King*, Kindergarten Teacher

Trinity Christian School, 100 Maple Ave, Keene, NH 03431

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16*