

Kindergarten Newsletter

November 6, 2009

Literacy:

This week we spent our time to learn about quilts and their significance. Students were able to share their personal experiences about a quilt they had at home. Some students even brought in a quilt to show. Next week we will continue our unit on quilts. Please feel free to send in a quilt that you may have and we will have fun picking out the patterns we see and hearing why it's special.

Kindergarteners also learned two new words this week, "of" and "it". Take time with your child and let them pick out these words in a book, newspaper, or magazine. Extra reinforcement is always great!

Who, What, When, Where, Why, How? Those are the questions we concentrated on in our treasure book, *The Quilt Maker's Gift*. It helps organize our thoughts and pick out the important points of the story.

Treasure Book:

Our treasure book, *The Quilt Maker's Gift*, was about a king who had everything he ever wanted yet he was still unhappy. Trying to seek for happiness he hears of an old woman who makes beautiful quilts. He sends his soldiers out to find the old woman so he can get a quilt from her. Once he finds her he discovers that it is harder than he thought to get a quilt. The quilt maker will only give her quilts to people who need them and the king has too many riches. She tells the king that he needs to give away his treasures and she will sew him a quilt. The king cannot believe that she asks him to do such a thing and he cannot imagine ever giving away his riches but he decides to go find one thing to give away. After searching his castle the king finally decides to give away a marble to a little boy. The boy is very grateful and joyous when he receives the marble from the king. King finally feels a bit of happiness for giving and continues donating to all the people of the land. Everyone in his town and beyond was receiving the king's possessions. He couldn't believe how happy he felt and laughed for the first time in several, several years. The quilt maker was very proud of the king and for every treasure he gave away she would sew another piece onto his quilt making his quilt huge! Nevertheless the quilt maker made a special quilt just for the king. "I'll take it, but only if you'll accept a

gift from me," the king said. From his rickety, rundown wagon the king brought out his throne. "It's really quite comfortable," the king said. "And just the right thing for long days of sewing." By day the quilt maker sewed the beautiful quilts she would not sell, and at night the kind took them down to the town. There he searched out the poor and downhearted, never happier than when he was giving something away.

This weeks treasure was a blue marble to symbolize the first gift the king gave away.

Next weeks treasure story is The Patchwork Quilt by Valerie Flourney. This story is about a young girl who loves to sit and listen to her grandmother talk about the patchwork quilt as she cut and stitched colorful fabrics. But one day, the girl's grandmother becomes ill.

We'll have to wait until next week to find out how the young girl helps her ill grandmother!

Math:

This week in math we picked out patterns in quilts, learned about symmetry, and continued to write numbers, count, and sequence. We also began recognizing each coin and learning the value.

Miscellaneous:

Report cards need to be returned. Please sign and return immediately.

- ***No School- November 11 (Veterans Day)***
- ***Body Safety Program- November 13 (more info later)***

Have a nice weekend!

Mrs. Kelzer, Miss Redfearn & Mrs. Wurster