



St. James Kindergarten Newsletter

March 18th – 21st

Have a wonderful
Spring Break and
enjoy your week
off!

Remember, there is no
school tomorrow, Friday
March 22nd and spring
break is March 25th –
31st. Back to school on
Monday, April 1st.

Favorite Read Alouds:

Joseph had a Little Overcoat by Simms
Taback

Chickens Aren't the Only Ones by Ruth
Heller



Highlights:



1. Spring has officially begun so we wrote, "I like spring because..." after we brainstormed a variety of spring activities.
2. Kindergartners opened plastic eggs and discovered some animals that hatch from eggs! We created a poster with all the different animals that hatch from eggs, too.
3. Students listened to a story on a CD and wrote their favorite part, starting their sentence with *I like when*. They read the rubric at the bottom of their paper to help with conventions of writing, and made edits as necessary.

High Frequency Words: out, of, and take

(Last week's words: who, that, say, saw)



Upcoming Events:

- Today, Thurs. March 21st - No bus service; Parent/Teacher conferences 4pm-6pm
- Fri. March 22nd - No School
- Mon. March 25th - Mar. 31st - Spring Break, No school
- Mon. April 1st - Classes resume; Pizza w/a Purpose *send a beverage
- Thurs. April 11th - PCL special lunch *send a beverage
- Fri. April 19th - Good Friday; No School
- Mon. April 22nd - 24th - No School
- Mon. April 29th - Spiritwear Day
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Conversation Starters with Your Child

1. What are some animals that hatch from eggs?
2. What is the difference between addition and subtraction?
3. Can you tell me why Jesus died on the cross?



Weekly Curriculum:

Writing and Reading: Kindergartners wrote down one animal that hatches from an egg and then drew it inside of a paper egg.

They continue to practice their handwriting; slowing down and remembering to not have any "flying" letters; letters need to touch the lines and to still form our letters correctly.

In *6 + 1 Traits of Writing*, students listened to the Caldecott-Award winning story, *Joseph Had A Little Overcoat* by Simms Taback. Students then explored conventions by looking at two different sentences from the story; one written without finger spaces and one without punctuation. We then reiterated why it is important to continue to include these types of conventions in our own writing.

Math: Kindergartners practiced addition using dominoes; students had to find the missing addend in their domino problem.

Science: Kindergartners listened to a nonfiction book, *Chickens aren't the Only Ones*, about many types of animals that hatch from eggs. We learned that amphibians, reptiles, birds and insects hatch from eggs. Something that lays eggs is called oviparous.



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