



January 9, 2012

**!Away We Go**

*A Note from the Teacher:*

**Jennifer Polaski**

What a great week we had...we missed a few friends but hopefully we will all be back together tomorrow. The kids love our vehicle unit. They had such fun identifying the vehicles we saw in the carpool line and parking lot. Check the Friday Folder as I included a copy of our Tally Sheet. Review this with your child and have them practice counting the tallies. It should be no surprise that SUV's and Minivans were the most popular. We used our tallied information to create a large bar graph as another way to organize information.

The children also enjoyed creating our large Land, Air, Water mural. They searched through books to decide what vehicle they wanted to draw and then went back to the book to find the word to label their drawing. We also searched and cut up many of Mr. Polaski's vehicle magazines to add even more cool vehicles to our mural. Check it out in the hallway.

### **Kindergarten Builds an Ark**

Last week we read and discussed Noah and the Ark. We will continue this Bible Story as we problem solve and build an ark big enough for the kindergartners to play in. We will also paint a rainbow mural to remind us of God's promise to never flood the entire earth and we will learn, read, and write Bible verses to go along with these projects. As always, all our weekly reading, phonics, math and science will be related to our monthly theme of Vehicles and Noah. See the attached Weekly News and Lessons for all the details.

### **Lending Library**

I hope you and your child are enjoying the library books they selected. Just as a reminder: **Your child will need your assistance for the first reading - this book will be at their instructional level- it should be a little challenging. Encourage your child to use the picture clues, patterns in the sentence structure, and their phonics skills to "sound out" a word. Keep the book for several days. When your child is proficient at the reading, send it back in the ziplock library bag and I will help your child select another. I will not search backpacks for library books - it is your child's responsibility to return the book and bag to my library basket. Please remind them of this - don't just stick the book in their backpack.** If the book is too frustrating for your child please send it back immediately and I will review the level with them. The book should not be too easy or too difficult.

### **Homework**

Homework Letter bags and Workbook bags are due tomorrow. New Letter-bags will go home tomorrow. There will be no workbook assignment. Please check the Zip-lock bag for a Rainbow Project. This will be due next Monday. Have fun with it!

As always - thank you so much for your support.

Jennifer