



Gehlen Gazette



What's Happening

September 25, 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Fall! It's been a fun week. We continue to build our stamina in both reading and writing during Daily Five. It is a time of day that is precious to us and it's so wonderful to already hear students ask for *more* time for reading and writing! We added our third component of the Daily Five this week—Read to Someone. We reviewed how to sit "EEKK!" Have your child show you what this means and then read a book together sitting "EEKK."

On Wednesday we had a visit with our buddies again. We made hand prints and took pictures and enjoyed some fellowship time together.



Another highlight of the week was our time with Artist in Residence, Aaron Meyer. What an amazing experience we had! We learned all about guitars from Aaron's friend, Tim and learned about the process for recording a song. We learned the words to the song that we are singing with the kindergarten class and then became rock stars as we stood around a big microphone to sing and record our song. Be SURE to come tonight to our performance at Back-to-School Night. Families will have the opportunity to order a CD of all the songs recorded by the FHLS classes.

In math we wrapped up our first unit after learning about how temperature is measured. We also had some fun with beginning number stories. This first unit was all about number awareness and relationships between numbers.

Our art focus this week was on

the creation of our self portraits.

This is always such fun in first grade! We discovered the true proportions when drawing a face and used hand mirrors to observe our own faces while drawing them.

We had a very successful first week of Book Bag homework. I really appreciate the notes you jot down about your child's reading experiences, struggles, and progress. This home-school communication is very helpful. We also had a great first week of sharing. See below for next week's assignment.

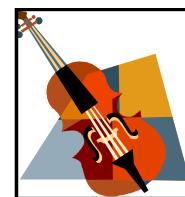
Parent volunteer schedules are coming home this week for those of you who indicated you want to come help. Let me know if your time/day doesn't work for you and we can work to reschedule it.

Hope to see you all tonight!

—Mrs. Gehlen



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Back-to-School Night is tonight! Come visit our classroom from 6:30-7:00 and then join us in the gym for our concert with Aaron Meyer! It's going to be great night!

Sharing Assignment: This week we listened to the Bible story about Abraham and his wife, Sarah. We learned about the promise God made to them and that He always keeps His promises. We also learned how Abraham and Sarah named their son Isaac and how this name means, "he laughs." As part of this lesson we learned what an acrostic is and saw the name Abraham as an acrostic. Your child's sharing for next week is two part. First, he/she needs to create an acrostic for his/her name using the paper that came home in the homework folder. Look at the examples to spark ideas for their names. The second part is to write on the back of their acrostic what the meaning of their name is. Your child should practice reading their name acrostic for you at home, using a clear voice! Thanks for your help in making this sharing time a success.