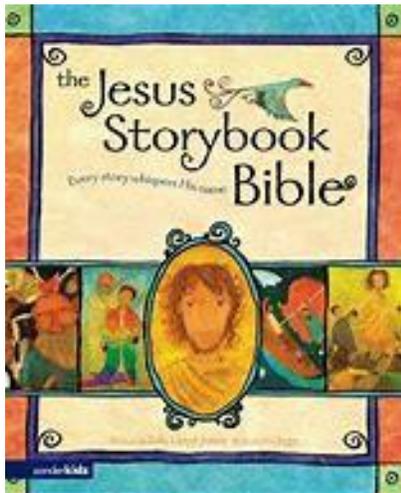




**MUSIC:** We will begin our Composer Study with Beethoven. The song we will be studying this week is Ode to Joy. Some fun facts you might want to know about this piece are that Beethoven was completely deaf when he composed this, it was the FIRST symphony to incorporate a human voice and is, subsequently, called the “Choral Symphony”, and this song created a new era of music called the Romantic era! You can listen to the song here: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=-kcOpyM9cBg>

Look for OPTIONAL take home work where students can practice following a pattern to play Ode to Joy independently!

We will also listen to music for a steady beat that is either fast or slow.



**BIBLE:** Your child will bring home a 3 ring binder today that stays at home. Every Friday they will bring home a page that coincides with the Jesus Storybook Bible lesson from that day. Please help them compile these so that they have a complete binder at the end of the year. The orange memory verses cards are on a small ring that can be kept at home or in your car for quick practice.



**SOCIAL STUDIES:** We will be continuing our geography and mapping unit. This week we will focus on May Keys and the Compass Rose. We will work as a group to complete a map of the classroom.

Supplemental work at home: Students have the option to complete the “Map of my Bedroom” worksheet at home this week. Students will be encouraged to share these during morning meeting.

**Monthly scripture: Encourage one another and build each other up. 1 Thessalonians 5:11**

**Motor Skill Corner:** As we write, draw, build, and play throughout the day building stamina and strength in our hands is important at this age. A simple thing to practice at home that will help build hand strength for writing is to have your child practice cutting. If you have unwanted mail, you can ask your child to use child friendly scissors to cut it up before recycling! Using scissors is a bilateral movement using all the muscles from the neck down to their fingers! So, the neatness is not as important now, as building those tiny muscles 😊



## Kindergarten Weekly Newsletter: September 9<sup>th</sup> 2019



**SCIENCE:** This week we are continuing in our Back to School Investigations unit. Students will practice making a hypothesis for 2 experiments:

"How many cups can you stack?" and "How do you keep germs away?"

We are learning how scientists continue to ask questions, so for a fun book to read at home try Ada Twist Scientist by Andrea Beaty.



**LITERACY:** We are starting our reading and handwriting curriculum this week called, Foundations. Students will practice letter sounds and practice feeling how their voice box is impacted by speech and sounds. We are also practicing building stamina as we read independently and with partners. Students will read high interest books by telling about the pictures!

One on one instruction has also begun.

Additionally, as writers' students are learning to **first** think about what they want to write, **next** draw a picture, and **then** label their picture. By the end of the week they will begin to write below their pictures using inventive spelling based off of letter sounds they know.



**MATH:** We are learning how the math tools in our classroom work; what they can do, what we can create, and how they help us learn about math concepts.

This week we will practice counting, using a calendar, and learning how numbers relate to things in our world.

Practice at home: counting objects around your house such as windows, doors, lamps, and chairs! To practice counting stamina count together while you do simple tasks like brushing teeth, washing dishes, putting on shoes etc.