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Missionary Newsletter

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Ready for Class

Dear family and friends,

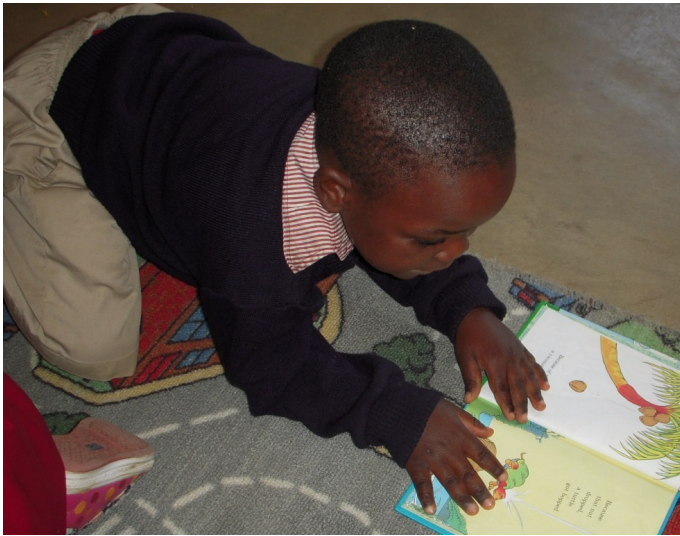
For a teacher, the day begins with teachers' devotion at 7:30, followed by assembly at 7:50. Then classes start at 8:00. Mabel has the joy of spending three hours with five children in her preschool class every morning. She would like to introduce these five gems to you.

Patrick is four and a half. He is a passionate little fellow who loves to please. Whenever I call "Patrick" he says, "I am Patrick Mofia." He has the brightest smile. If he is not happy, I just have to look into his eyes and smile at him and he cannot help but smile back, ready to participate again! I have started awarding the children with stickers at the end of the day. Every day at closing time he asks, "Teacher, did I obey?"



First Writing Lessons

We received four little girls into our Village two months ago. They are from one family, ranging in age from 18 months to 5 years. The oldest two girls started school a week after they arrived. Veronica joined the kindergarten class and Tapiwa joined the preschool class. Tapiwa had



Patrick's new favourite book

Joseph is a five-year-old who is pretty smart. He can learn quickly when he wants to. He gives a beautiful, bright-eyed smile readily. He recites the days of the week and the months of the year with the class loudly and happily. But when he is not happy he becomes very quiet and moves extremely slowly. His twin brother James is our artist. While others were coloring the lion, he was designing the lion's mane. He takes his time coloring, choosing beautiful colors, and experimenting with different designs for effect. His favorite activity is cutting, and he can cut right on the line!

never been to school before. She is a bright little girl and has learned to do school very well in twenty-three days! On her first day of school Tapiwa chattered through the whole class time in her native tongue, but now she sits quietly, listening to the teacher and participating most of the time. Tapiwa already recognizes a few numbers and letters. She has a good grasp on pre-math concepts and is the quickest one at sorting shapes without making a single mistake! She is a good student.



Gracious and Tapiwa

At 3 1/2, Gracious is the youngest girl in school. She is quiet and sweet and very bright. She knows all the letters that she has been taught, from A to L. She can order them as well as match the upper case to the lower case. She is even-tempered and a joy to have in class!



Life is good!



James' Designer Lion

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