

Kindergarten Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

May 3-May 31: mClass Testing for K-2

May 6: T.M.E.S Color Run

May 14: K-MAP Testing 9:40-11:10

May-31: Field Day-1/2 day

June 8th- rain date

Winding Down the Year

May is finally here and the end of the school year is quickly approaching. With the end of the school year upon us, we ask for your help in maintaining your child's daily routines at home. Proper rest, completing homework, and a good focus on school are important to keep your child academically strong as we finish out the year. The last few weeks of school get very busy with finishing up unit studies and testing. Learning and working will occur up until June 15th so

please help us by enforcing normal routines and an emphasis on school work at home! We thank you for your help.

We are so proud of the progress all students are making this year. Thank you parents for your continued help let's keep it going and finish out with a loud clap!

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Curriculum Connections

Reading

Our literature focus for the month of May will include both fiction and non-fiction studies. We will be working of retelling familiar (traditional) stories and discussing role of the author and illustrator. We will also be focusing on frequently occurring verbs, adjectives and their opposites and asking, answering questions to better understand text. In our non-fiction study we will focus on identifying the main topic and make real life connections. Additionally, we will make connections between information in text, unknown words, relationship between illustrations and the text, reasons an author gives to support points.

The mClass window for reading testing opened May 3rd. Reading instruction will occur during this time however, we ask that you continue practicing high frequency words and reading every night with your child. This will help to keep their minds fresh and reinforce the knowledge and skills they have been working on all year long.

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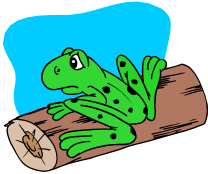


Writing

Our writing focuses for the month of May will include:

- Narrative writing- students will write to describe an event in order and provide a reaction with loosely linked events.
- Informative: students will name a topic, supply information about the topic to inform
- Opinion writing will be revisited toward the end of the month

Writing in kindergarten is very important as it lays the foundation for all other writing to come in your child's academic career. Please help to empower them as a writer by allowing him or her to sound out their own words during homework time. Have the list of word wall words for your child to use during writing and refer to it to help correctly spell known words. As a parent you can make sure your child's writing has a focus and all sentences go together. In addition, accept nothing but the best handwriting! When sloppy handwriting is acceptable for homework children tend to produce sloppy handwriting in the classroom. Thank you for your help in reinforcing the importance of writing at home!



Social Studies & Science

Our social studies focus will be to meet wants and needs. This will lead us into our study of customs, traditions and culture and how they make us all unique.

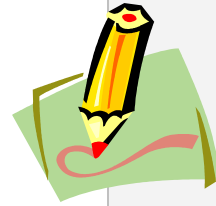
In science we will focus on common external features of animal populations, animal movements and adaptations. We will also study plants, their adaptations and external features. Also, we will look at the plants and animals together within an environment.

Math

Math focuses for the month include:

- addition and subtraction within 10
- solving word problems
- counting by 1s to 100.
- Addition and subtracting fluency within 5
- Composing and decomposing teen numbers

Please help your child to review their addition and subtraction symbols and use them interchangeable with action words in conversations. It will help dissect word problems.



" There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates' loot on the Treasure Island."

--Walt Disney