

Pre-Kindergarten News May 19th, 2017

Dear Pre-K Families,

Next week the whole school will be taking the end of trimester STAR assessment. Since it is also the week prior to Memorial Day, please let me know if you will be leaving early for the long weekend or if your child will be out for any reason. I will try to plan my schedule accordingly to complete each student's assessment before Friday.

The kids are very excited about our upcoming field trip to OMSI on Tuesday. Make sure to pack a lunch and a drink for the trip. We will not be making any purchases. Please save that for a family outing. I will confirm our streetcar schedule on Monday to make sure our stop is up and running. Trimet has been doing some track repairs at our stop and it is scheduled to reopen this Friday. Send your positive thoughts. The weather forecast looks like an added bonus!

We have enjoyed our unit on shadows and reflections. I am guessing you have stopped a few times in the past couple of weeks to look at your shadow or find a new spot to see your reflection. Next week we will begin our last and final unit on **Make it Move**.

Blessings,

Mrs. Mannenbach

Classroom News

This week we enjoyed talking about why we can't hold on to our shadows and reflections. We focused on the concept words of: disappear, hold, picture, puddle, real, and size.

Our amazing (new) words for the week were: collection, search, ordinary, proud, sparkly, and treasure. Our focus stories were: **The Puddle Pail** and **My Shadow**. Our phonological focus will continue to be breaking sounds apart in words and then blending them again. Our new skill is to listen for ending sounds. The kids are working on sounding out words to spell.

In Math we used the common shapes to make new shapes.

In Science/ Social Studies we observed and described what happens to our shadow and reflection when we move.

Our Second Step lessons continued to focus on emotion management and problem solving using the calm down strategies when we get hurt.

In Religion we learned more about the rosary. We read the stories about the people Mary appeared to and gave the rosary to. She asked them to pray the rosary and teach others to do the same. On Wednesday we participated in praying the rosary along with the rest of the school. We prayed in our individual classrooms.

Some interesting questions to ask your child about the week are: What do you need to see a shadow or a reflection? Why can't you hold a shadow or a reflection? Can you name at least 6 insects? Who is one of the people Mary appeared to?

Congratulations to our Honored Cougar, Max. We are proud of all our little Cougars!

Snack Reminder:

Mon. – D.Q.

Tues.- Field Trip

Wed.- Max and Owen

Thurs.- Theo (trade)

Fri.- Leftovers (early dismissal)

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

We continue to honor Mary

Language Arts

Blending phonemes

Listen for ending sounds

Recognize letter names and their sound

Isolating letter sounds

Rhyming words

Journal writing and illustrating

Math

Recognizing and comparing lengths

Science/Social Studies

What are the different ways things move

Find sources of electricity

School News

May 15-26 Mac Attack Macaroni & Cheese Drive for the Portland Police Sunshine Division

Friday May 26th 11:30 dismissal

Friday June 2nd, PBS Assembly and Free Dress

Thursday, June 8th Speech Festival Afternoon

Upcoming Events

Wednesday June 14th Field Day

Friday June 16th Last Day/Mass 8:30/11:30 dismissal