

Kindergarten's Newsletter

May 20, 2016

Save the date- Kindergarten Shows Off and POW

On Thursday, June 16th, the kindergartners will be showing off some things that we have learned in kindergarten. We will have some writing, reading, and songs to share with you.

On Wednesday, June 8th at 8:20, kindergarten and 7th grade will lead POW as a farewell to our 8th grade buddies. We will honor our buddies with a prayer and a fun song. We will also present our buddies with the book, Oh The Places You Will Go, on behalf of the school (the school purchased these books already).

Homework and Speech Festival

For homework this week, please use the time to practice for Speech Festival. Students should memorize their selections and practice saying them slowly, loudly, and clearly. Students will perform their selection in front of the class on Wednesday at 12:30.

Language Arts and Social Sciences

We continue to work on summarizing and synthesizing while we read as we listen to fairy tales. We will read many different versions of 3 Billy Goats Gruff next week and retell the story by acting it out. We are also reading many different versions of Cinderella. Some are from other countries, and some are humorous.

We are taking a closer look at "stretching" and "sounding out" words. We are focusing on making sure the vowel sound we hear in a word is the one we write. The students sometimes confuse /e/ and /i/ and, /u/ can be tricky. We are also breaking apart longer words by syllables. Then, we stretch out each syllable to spell the word phonetically correct.

Math

We have finished up Topic 15 and have been reviewing the names of solid figures (cubes, spheres, prisms, cones...). We are associating these shapes with ones we find in the world as well.

Starting next week, the daily math homework will be practicing math facts (instead of math worksheets). Kindergartners will memorize addition through 5, but please feel free to go higher if your student is ready (many will master to 10). There will be a nightly check off sheet to record your practice in the book bag. There are many resources for finding flashcards- you can search online or buy a pack at Target. In class, we will practice with flashcards and use the website xtramath.org. Once we are comfortable with xtramath.org, I will send home information on how to access it at home.

SPeCiaList Schedule:

Mondays_ PE and music
Tuesdays_ music
Wednesdays_ art
Thursdays_ PE, Library, and Spanish
check out and return day for Library,
Fridays_ Library and Spanish

Looking ahead to May and June:

5/30- Memorial Day, no school

6/1- Art Museum fieldtrip

6/7- Zoo fieldtrip with buddies

6/8- K/7 POW

6/9- Speech Festival

6/15- Field Day

6/16- Kindergarten Shows Off! and Wallace Park/NW Library Fieldtrip