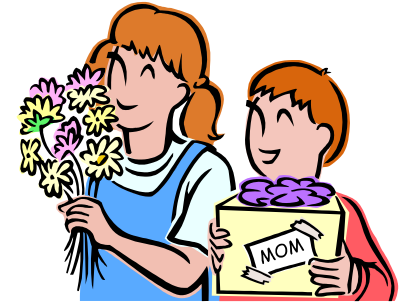


Happy Mother's Day!

Kindergarten Times

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May 11, 2012



Focus on Curriculum

Handwriting: This week we wrote words with **-oat** and **-oke**. Ask your child to read the words in these families. If you save the work sheets, you can review them often.

Popcorn Words: We added **he** to our popcorn bag. We, also, practiced the tricky popcorn words. Next week I will test the children on popcorn words. Please practice with them this weekend.

Reading: We continued the theme, "A World of Animals and, also, read books about moms. I read *Animal Mothers* by Atsushi Komori, *The Night Before Mother's Day* by Natasa Wing, and *The Mother's Day Mice* by Eve Bunting and illustrated by Jan Brett.

Math: This week we continued our chapter on addition. We used pictures to help us add numbers. We, also, learned to read and write number sentences using the symbols for "and" and "is."

Science: Our **plants** are growing! The green beans are 12 inches tall, the sun flowers are 9 inches tall, and the marigolds are only 1 inch tall. The helpers spray them with water everyday. We may try planting the sunflowers outside next week. I learned last year that they cannot stay in the containers too long. They need to be outdoors where their roots can spread in the soil, I think. Does any one know more about gardening? This unit has been a learning experience for me, too!

Art: This week we made special gifts for our mothers. It's a secret so you may need to wait until Sunday to see your surprise.

Thank You!

Thank you for the wonderful luncheons you prepared for Teacher Appreciation Week. The food was so festive and delicious! It was such a treat to relax and enjoy ourselves during lunchtime! I truly enjoyed receiving the special gifts from the children. The cards and pictures decorate our bulletin board. The flowers are in two large vases. The candy is ... in my tummy and in my desk drawer for days when I need extra energy!

PAW Students

Congratulations to this week's PAW Winners: Nicolas and Ethan. They had their photos taken with the weekly winners from kindergarten, first and second grades. They are displayed in the front hall of the school!

Book Club Final Order

Last Friday I sent home the final Book Club fliers of the school year. They are due Saturday. Remember that you can order online until midnight of the due date.

Dates to Remember

Saturday, May 12th: **Book Club Orders Due**

Friday, May 18th: **Early Dismissal - Afternoon Students attend in the Morning until Noon**

Friday, May 18th: **No School for the Morning Students**

Thursday, May 24th: **Zoo Trip**

Monday, May 28th: **No School - Memorial Day**

Tuesday, May 29th: **Concert by Jim Gill for Kindergarten Students**

Friday, June 1st: **All School Picnic** with games and food supplied by the PTO

Monday, June 4th: **Kindergarten Graduation** in the Elizabeth Ide gym at 10:00 and 2:00

Tuesday, June 7th: **No School for Kindergarten Students** - 1st and 2nd Grades attend until 10:00

Kindergarten Graduation

Kindergarten **graduation** is Monday, **June 4th**. The kindergarten students come to school at their regular times. They should wear their "party" clothes. We do not have special caps and gowns. We practice in the gym before the graduation ceremony. Morning graduation starts at 10:00. Afternoon graduation starts at 2:00. You may enter the building 15 minutes before graduation starts. After the ceremony only the children will return to the classroom. We will bring the children outdoors so you can congratulate them and take them home with you.

Afternoon class: Bring library books on Friday.

Morning class: Bring library books on Monday, May 21st.

Wear gym shoes on Monday and Wednesday.