

Kindergarten News Mrs. Jenny's Class May 1, 2015



Hello Families!

We have had a wonderful week watching our caterpillars form their chrysalises. We have had one caterpillar that fell but we have named him Tough Guy and are hopeful that we will survive. We are anxiously awaiting our five new Painted Lady Butterflies. Our ladybugs have moved from the larva stage to the pupa stage now. Our ladybugs should emerge by the end of next week.

In Science, we also continued to review what we know about plants. Our seeds were placed in our classroom window and we are already starting to see some roots!

We also said "adios" to our Bug Unit with a delicious ladybug snack and hello Ocean with a yummy gummy snack. We used the sharks to sort them by attribute and compare them with our friends. Ask your child to what two attributes we used to sort them.

Our Underwater Adventure Unit begins on Monday. Next week, the students will get to explore all of the different living things that can be found in the ocean. It should go swimmingly!

We will also be completing our final assessments for grading. I am so proud of the students and the overall progress that they have made. Please look in backpacks daily in case important papers need to be signed and returned.

Have a GREAT weekend!



Spring Is Here!

Please help your child dress for the changes in our weather. A light weight jacket may still be needed in the mornings, but the afternoons have been getting very warm.

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH.

What We're Learning About! NEXT WEEK'S SPELLING WORDS-

before, its, then, from, after, cut, many, shall •<u>Writer's Workshop</u>- Drawing or "writing" about our pictures. Discussing blends in words. Writing about life cycles of insects and ocean animals.

•<u>Reader's Workshop</u>- Large Group Reading. Front/ Back Cover, Spine, Author, and Illustrator. Understanding prefixes and suffixes in words. (prefixes: re-, un-, pre-, suffixes:-ed, -s, -ful, -less) Eric Carle author study.

•<u>Math</u>-Math manipulatives. Exploring coins, counting 1-200, addition equations up to 20, and subtraction. <u>Social Studies</u>- Using words and phrases related to chronology and time to explain how things change. Learning more about our nations symbols.

•<u>Science</u>- Classifying living and non-living things.



MAY DATES

May 4-8 - Teacher Appreciation Week May 7– Kindergarten Registration

May 7- Fine Arts Night and Chorus Performance May 8-15— Buy One Get One Free Book Fair MAY 8– Mother's Day Cake Decorating May 12– Marco's Pizza May 15– FIELD DAY!! (WEAR A PURPLE SHIRT IF POSSIBLE)

May 20-End of Year Parties

May 21-NO BOOK BAGS-Last Day of School!