



May Kindergarten News

Happy May Day! I can't believe how quickly the year has gone by. We still have about one and a half months to go with a lot of activities planned and some final testing to complete. Progress reports will be sent home next Wednesday, May 12th, and the final Report cards in June. Please set up a conference with me via email, if you have any questions.

We will begin Unit 8 in our Wonder's Reading Program, and will be covering the following:

Themes: One the move, My U.S.A., Look to the Sky

Social/Emotional Learning Skills: creativity—"thinking outside the box", social problem solving, focus/attention

Comprehension Strategies: making predictions, rereading for comprehension

Reading Skills: character, setting, plot, problem and solution, main idea and key details

Genres: realistic fiction, informational text, fantasy

Grammar: sentences with prepositions

Phonics/Spelling/Handwriting: Jj/Qq/Yy/Zz and r blends

High Frequency Words: here/me/this/what

In Math, we will complete the chapter on "Subtraction" and move on to "Money". We will end our year learning about "Time" and "Measurement", as we continue to review printing numbers, number order, adding and subtracting numbers, and the other math concepts we covered this year.

In Science, we will experience the life cycle of the Painted Lady Butterfly as it metamorphosizes from caterpillar to butterfly. We will also grow a string bean plant from seed. We will learn about different types of maps in Social Studies.

In Religion, we will continue learning that "Jesus is our Friend" and talking about how we show our love for Jesus by caring for others, using kind words and actions, helping others, doing our best, and praying.

Our Kindergarten Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, June 16th. (More information to follow)

I'd like to take the time to thank you all for the support you have given our class throughout the year. Your children have been a pleasure to work with!

Mrs. Merrill



Take the May Challenge

Please complete the following tasks and earn a prize on the last Friday of the month. Always do your best work!

1. Please print one row of : J-j-Q-q-Y-y-Z-z on the attached lined paper.
2. Draw or cut out a picture of something that begins with: j-q-y-z
3. Play a game of memory by writing the high frequency words two times on the folded plain white paper and cut them out on the folds:
here-me-this-what-they-want
4. Using pennies as counters, please solve these addition and subtraction problems: write the number sentences on the lined paper:

$1+0=?$	$2+3=?$	$3+3=?$	$4+2=?$		
$5+4=?$	$6+4=?$				
$7-0=?$	$9-2=?$	$5-5=?$	$4-0=?$	$8-4=?$	$6-5=?$

Have fun!