

K1 News – April/May 2024

Reading



Our new unit is nonfiction. The children will explore many new books and use Pebble Go. Over the next month, they will learn about new topics, become "experts", and share their new learning. We will also study nonfiction text features such as a table of contents and bold words. They will also learn to do more questioning as they read and look for answers. This will include a lot of partner talk and sharing. We will practice using different question words as readers and listeners... Who? What? Where? When? Why? How? **If possible, send in a nonfiction book as your child's share item over the next week or two.** If you have time, please have your child choose a page and be prepared to share a fun fact (maybe something interesting, surprising, or silly).

Writing



We are working on a short storytelling unit. We are focusing on the personal narrative. The children practice orally and then work to meet all of their writing goals. They are learning the importance of sequencing using time order words. They will also work on adding details and including feelings.

After writing some personal narratives, we will do some nonfiction "All About____" writing. They will learn to use drawings with labels as part of their illustrations for teaching their reader. We will look at books and Pebble Go on our iPads for some examples. We will also turn some of this work into riddles. They really enjoy nonfiction reading so I am sure nonfiction writing will be fun too.

Math



$2+3=5$ and $3+2=5$ ~ These facts (when addends are reversed) are known as fact partners, turn around facts or our favorite.... switcheroos! We refer to them as number sentences or equations. Although we work on facts within 10, your child should be fluent with all addition and subtraction facts within 5.

School Wide Reminders



- *4/26: Hat Day
- *5/6: ABC Countdown begins (note to follow)
- *5/23: Field Trip to Auer Farm (note to follow)
- *5/24: Olympic Day (note to follow)
- *5/30: Kindergarten Picnic (note to follow)
- *6/6: Make a Tie-Dye T-Shirt Day
- *6/11: Last Day

From the Teacher



We have spent some time discussing how we are all **unique** and how important **teamwork** is in our kindergarten days and in our lives. We also still review our "habits of mind" which include being persistent, managing impulsivity, and empathy. Maybe you can share some examples from your home life and/or work life on these topics to help develop a growth mindset.

Please continue to review sight words regularly. Sidewalk chalk is a fun way to practice with the nice weather. You can have your child hop to or toss a beanbag to a word and read it.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our picnic on Thursday, **May 30th**. The children are so excited to have you join us for some kindergarten fun. Fingers crossed for a nice weather day!

~Rosina Marquis 😊

CLASSROOM ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please return all over due library books.
Sneakers are needed on P.E. days.
Try to get on Lexia and Raz Kids once a week.
Make time to read daily.
THANK YOU!

