

Weekly Notes April 26, 2022

Office Notes

Our annual tradition, May Day, will take place on Monday, May 2nd. See below for more information!

Special Dates in May

- **May 2nd** - May Day 8:30-10:00am
- **May 13th** - Third Year Primary Class Outing
- **May 26th** - Graduation @ 6:30
- **May 27th** - Last Day of School (Half Day)

May Day Program

- The program begins at 8:30am, so your child will need to be at school before 8:15am.
- The program takes place in front of the main building in the parking lot. It is a good idea to get to the school early since the parking lot fills up fast. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair.
- No one will be allowed to park in the lower parking lot (the parking lot in front of the office).
- Everyone will need to bring in a branch of May to exchange with another child at the end of the program. A branch of May could be a flower from your front yard or the store. Please note that the branch of May that you send with your child is not the one that your child will end up with at the end. At the end of the program, we sing a song while holding a branch of May and then exchange the branch of May with a friend.
- The children will need to wear their "Sunday best" for the program. Clean khakis, dress shirts, dresses, etc. are fine. You can also send in a change of clothes if you do not want your child to wear their nice clothes on the playground.
- The program lasts around an hour. After May Day we invite our mothers or special women in your child's life to have lemonade and cookies with us.

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly's Class

What a beautiful Gardening Day we had!! Our patio looks so much better with the pretty flowers and plants. Thank you so much for coming and for all your contributions!! The children will love being able to water the plants and they are truly loving the bubbles!! Also, thanks to the ones that were able to make it to our Family Fun Night! It was fun and a good chance to mingle with other great families at our school.

The children love learning all about insects and gardening. We have live caterpillars in our classroom now and are eagerly awaiting for them to turn into beautiful butterflies. It's always a fun and interesting time for the children.

Our next big event is our May Day/Mother's Day program on Monday, May 2nd. More details can be found at the beginning of Tuesday notes!!

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel & Ms. Savannah's Class

Thank you all for coming to plant with us for Earth Day. Our patio looks absolutely beautiful! The children will love watering their plants.

We are enjoying our insect study. Thank you to Ava's family for our caterpillars. We have 6 baby caterpillars to watch go through their metamorphosis. The children were so excited to see them. We also had a great time on the playground today, we went on a little bug hunt. We found ants, carpenter bees, a caterpillar, and a spider that we watched climb back up a single strand dangling from the pavilion.

The weather is warming up outside. It's time to send in some new clothes for their cubbies. It's also time to start applying sunscreen and bug spray in the mornings before school each day.

Just a reminder that our May Day celebration is Monday, May 2nd. This is when we celebrate our mothers. We will do a traditional celebration with songs, dancing, and wrapping the May Pole. The final song is "Branch of May" and the children will need a flower from your yard to exchange with another child. After the program is over, we will return to the classroom to give our mothers a small gift and have refreshments.

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel, & Ms. Savannah

Ms. Angie, Ms. Sydney, & Ms. Anna Kate's Class

Good morning!!!

I hope that you were able to enjoy our Friday night family night at school. There were so many people here and it seemed that the families loved being together as a community again. It was so nice to be able to visit with you as you were enjoying the evening.

On Monday, May 2nd is Mother's Day/May Day. Our program will begin at 8:30 for the May Day Program and then Mother's Day will follow. Your child should wear their Sunday best for this morning and will be able to change clothes later in the morning if needed. They will need to bring a branch of May to school with them that morning. It can come from their yard and/or flowers brought from the store. They will exchange their branch of May with their peers at the end of the May Day celebration. They will not return with the same flowers that

they brought that morning. Please have your child here early that morning so that they will be prepared for the morning.

We have our class field trip this week on Friday. Please meet us at the destination at 9:15 Our field trip begins at 9:30. The children are very excited about this field trip. It sounds like a fun way to end the week. If you have any questions about the week, please text or email me.

We are studying insects and flowers for May. If you would like to send in a craft or special treat that pertains to our studies, I know that the children would definitely enjoy it.

We sent out a separate email with information for the third years and graduation. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great week!!

Ms. Angie, Ms. Sydney, & Ms. Anna Kate

Ms. Valerie & Ms. Christina's Class

Hello,

We really enjoyed having everyone join us for gardening day! Thank you so much for all the donations for our patio. Our outdoor area looks beautiful! This week we will be talking about butterflies. Thank you to the International Paper Company for donating painted lady caterpillars to our classroom. The kids are very excited to watch them grow.

Ask your child

What is the first thing a caterpillar eats when it comes out of its eggshell?

Do caterpillars shed skin?

What is the difference between a chrysalis and a cocoon?

Where do mother butterflies lay their eggs?

Important Dates:

This Friday, April 29th - Field Trip to Rock Hollow Farms at 9:30am. Please see previous email or remind app with attached flyer for details!

Monday, May 2nd - May Day/ Mother's Day Program- Ms. Jamie and Ms. Melanie will be sending out timing and details in Tuesday notes, so please be on the lookout for that information.

- Your child will need to wear their Sunday Best for this morning. Your child may bring a change of clothes to change into after the program.
- Your child will need to bring in a branch of May to school with them that morning. It can come from your yard, and or flowers bought from the store. They will exchange their branch of May with their peers at the end of the May Day program.

- This is an event for all the wonderful Moms. Grandmothers are welcome to attend.

Please reach out to us if you need anything!

Warm Regards,

Ms. Valerie & Ms. Christina

Ms. Dolores & Ms. Robin's Class

Gardening Day was a huge success! Our garden looks beautiful. Thank you so much to Kim Headrick for the soil, plants, and many large pots; the Benjamin family for the soil and the amazing and educational fruit and vegetable cookies; the Wilson family for the bird feeder and food; and the Kautz family for the hummingbird feeder and food. Thank you to everyone who sent plants, soil, and pots. It was so nice to have visitors again! We will spend the rest of our school year working on practical life skills in the garden.

Test week is going well so far. Thank you for sending your children on time. Please make sure that they are getting plenty of rest in the evening and eating a filling, protein-packed breakfast.

Next Monday, May 2, is our annual May Day celebration. Students dress up for the occasion, but it is not formal - dresses for girls, collared shirts, and khaki pants or shorts for boys. The students bring a "branch of May" to exchange with friends. This branch of May can be a single flower cut from a bush, a handful of wildflowers picked from your yard, a small clipping from a flowering tree, etc. Some people do choose to buy a flower or two, but we encourage you to find something in your yard or neighborhood to share. The office will send details regarding time, guests, and parking.

Have a good week!

Ms. Robin and Ms. Dolores

Ms. Stefanie's Class

Our gardening space looks beautiful with all the flowers and new plants! Thank you all for coming in to help spruce up our space and visit the classroom.

Thank you all for working hard to get your children to school on time this week for testing. Second years should be finished with their testing tomorrow and third years should finish on Thursday. Please continue to make sure your child is eating a nutritious breakfast and arriving before 7:45 am.

May Day is Monday, May 2nd.

We have our field trip to LCCL Strawberry Farm scheduled for Monday, May 16th! There are plenty of drivers as most parents volunteered. Students will still need to arrive at school that day by 7:50. We will leave for the farm at 8:45. While there, we will have a short lesson, read a

story, sketch, pick strawberries, enjoy a picnic lunch, then return to school for the rest of the day. Drivers may take their own child home after the field trip, if necessary.

The last day of school is May 27th. It will be a half day of school.

Ms. Stefanie

Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin's Class

Thank you all so much for helping us garden on Friday!! Our outside area looks brilliant and inviting. The students are very proud of what they accomplished.

Thank you to our April birthday parents that organized a wonderful birthday lunch this past Friday. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

As we move through the rest of this week of ITBS testing, please encourage your student to maintain good habits: full night's sleep, healthy breakfast, and early arrival. We will not have language homework this week.

We are moving our Lesson 13 test to Monday, so there will not be a test this Friday.

Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin