

## *Weekly Notes April 19, 2023*

### *Office Notes*

*With the change of seasons our Lost & Found Box is overflowing! Please take moment to look if your child is missing an item. All items unclaimed by the end of the school year will be donated.*

#### *Ms. Ginny's and Ms. Kelly's Toddler Class*

We've really been enjoying our study of bugs and insects and gardening this month. We've been learning about different types of insects and the names of their body parts. We've been busy making cute bug crafts, as well. We also learned about how a seed can turn into a flower—we plant it in dirt, water it, put it in the sunshine and soon roots and a sprout appear.

We're excited for Gardening/Special Person Day. We emailed a sign-up list last week with some items that we requested for our playground and patio. You, or your child's special person, may arrive as early as drop of time with your child and a flower to plant on our patio. We will have small refreshments for you and a fun craft you can do with your child. We will wrap up Gardening Day by 10AM. If you would like to take your child home after planting and crafting, you are welcome to do that. If you signed up for an item and would like to send it in early, you may do that as well.

*Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly*

#### *Ms. Shannon's, Ms. Jessica's, and Ms. Kristin's Toddler Class*

We are having a great time learning about insects again this week. This week we splat painted some flies with a fly swatter. We also read the story, "The Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly." They enjoyed feeding my old lady puppet all the things that the old lady ate in the story.

We have two birthday lunches this week. We will celebrate Carter's 3rd birthday on Tuesday! On Wednesday, we will celebrate Anbu's 3rd birthday! Thanks to both families for providing lunch.

Special person/gardening day is coming up on Friday, April 21st. Your child is welcome to invite a grandparent, aunt/uncle, cousin, neighbor, or even you to come plant a flower with them. We plant at drop off time to help cut down on separation anxiety. We will also have a craft and snack for you. We ask everyone to be finished up by ten. We have small window boxes to plant in so one or two small full to part-sun flowers is ideal. Whatever color or kind they like is fine. We will incorporate watering and taking care of the plants as part of our day.

I have a few people who have volunteered to bring potting soil. We could still use one more bag of play sand, some large pots, balls, and sand buckets with shovels for the playground. Let me know if you would like me to add you to the sign-up sheet outside the classroom.

*Ms. Shannon, Ms. Jessica, & Ms. Kristin*

## *Ms. Angie's, Ms. Karabeth's, and Ms. Rana's Primary Class*

I hope everyone is having a wonderful week. We have Gardening Day/ Special Person Day this Friday. Please be sure that your child has a plant to plant with their special person on Friday. Some other things that are needed: pots, potting soil, hanging baskets, birdhouses, windchimes, extra flowers. You may come between 8:30 and 10:30 on Friday. Please plan on enjoying a quick snack with your little one.

If your child has a birthday coming up or one while we are out for the summer and you want to celebrate in the classroom, please let me know. We can look for a date that will work best for you. The children do enjoy celebrating within the classroom in some capacity.

We are studying flowers and insects until the end of school. If you have anything you wish to share, please send it in. We love insects. 😊

Have a great week.

*Ms. Angie, Ms. Karabeth, & Ms. Rana*

## *Ms. Krystle's, Ms. Macy's, and Ms. Trudy's Primary Class*

Gardening Day is Friday, April 21 from 8:30-10:30. Please drop in the patio area with your child during the timeframe above. Your child \*must\* have a plant or flower to plant. In addition to planting a flower, please sign up to bring one of the following items from our wish list to make our patio area beautiful. The size of plant/flower that would be best is a small to medium size, as we will have 23 botany items. :)

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**Reminder: It is crucial for your child to bring in their reader every Monday and Thursday. If you forget one of those days, just bring it in the following day.**

Enjoy your day and the rest of your week. We sure appreciate everyone's support.

Kindly,

*Ms. Krystle, Ms. Macy, & Ms. Trudy*

## *Ms. Robin's and Ms. Dolores's Lower Elementary Class*

Gardening/Special Person's Day is this Friday, **April 21st**. Invitations were sent home last Friday. All students are welcome to invite a special person to come to school to plant with them for Gardening Day. Our class needs potting soil and plants and flowers that grow well in the shade. Students should bring gardening gloves and may bring their own gardening tools, if desired. Special people should arrive between 8:00 and 11:00am to plant.

This week, students are practicing for the ITBS test.

**Next week**, we'll begin **ITBS testing**. Only 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> years will test. Please make sure your child is able to rest and receive sufficient sleep during testing week. It is also important that your child eats a

nutritious breakfast. 3<sup>rd</sup> years will be testing in Upper El and should be dropped off in the mornings at the Upper El porch with all their belongings. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years should be dropped off at our usual gate no later than 7:55 am. It is very important for all students to **arrive on time next week**. The doors to our building are required to be locked exactly at 8:00 am and cannot be opened until testing is finished for the day.

You are invited to join us for our May Day program on Monday morning, **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Students should wear nice, special occasion clothes for May Day. Everyone needs to bring a “branch of May” (flower) to exchange with a friend. Refreshments will be served for students to share with their families.

We have 4 volunteer drivers/chaperones so far for the field trip to Lazy Creek Farms on Thursday, **May 11<sup>th</sup>**. We'll be leaving soon after arrival and returning to school shortly after lunch. Please let me know if you're available. Thank you!

*Ms. Robin & Ms. Dolores*

### *Ms. Stefanie's & Ms. Ribar's Lower Elementary Class*

Gardening/Special Person's Day is this Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>! Invitations were sent home last Friday. All students are welcome to invite a special person to come to school to plant with them for Gardening Day. Our class needs gardening soil, herbs, flowers that grow well in containers, and vegetables that can grow in small spaces. Students should bring gardening gloves and may bring their own gardening tools, if desired. Special people should arrive before 10:00 am to garden. Everyone is welcome to enjoy refreshments and create some beautiful artwork with your child while visiting.

This week, students are practicing for the ITBS test. We prefer that testing not turn into a stressful experience. Please encourage your child to try their best and not to worry over the results or if they do not know an answer. Children will always focus best when they are relaxed and not anxious.

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I have 1 volunteer driver/chaperone so far for the field trip to Lazy Creek Farms on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. We need 3 more drivers who can transport at least 4 additional people in their vehicles. We'll be leaving soon after arrival and returning to school shortly after lunch. Please let me know if you're available. Thank you!

*Ms. Stefanie & Ms. Ribar*

## *Upper Elementary Class*

Gardening Day- April 21st

Special persons are welcome any time in the morning. You are also welcome to bring a lunch and enjoy this time with your child. ☺

Requested items:

- Herbs
- Well-established cherry tomatoes
- Lettuce
- Bags of soil (all natural)
- Zinnias
- Coreopsis
- Milkweeds (Asclepias Tuberosa)
- Pots
- Part-sun plants

Please bring your own tools (shovel, rake, etc) and wear appropriate clothing. We look forward to seeing you!

ITBS Testing- April 24-28: Students need to arrive at 7:40 a.m. Please be sure to get plenty of sleep and eat a well-balanced breakfast. Testing will take place for three hours each morning.

May 1st- Our May Day/Mother's Day Program will take place at school at 8:30 a.m. (We will let you know if this time changes).

*Upper Elementary Guides*