Weekly Notes March 19, 2024 Office Notes



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Reenrollment Packet Reminder:

The final deadline to complete and return your child's 2024-2025 reenrollment packet and deposit to the Office is this Friday, March 22nd.

Sunscreen & Bugspray Reminder:

As the weather warms up it means it is time to begin sending in sunscreen and bugspray for your child. Please be sure to send your child's sunscreen and bugspray clearly labeled with your child's name. This is especially important for our Late Stay students as they will have increased outside time each day. Thank you!

Gardening Day/Special Persons Day Schedule Update:

Due to a scheduling conflict with ITBS testing we have decided to hold our annual Gardening Day/Special Persons Day on two separate days.

<u>Wednesday, April 17th</u> – Gardening Day/Special Persons Day for Lower & Upper Elementary Programs Only

<u>Friday, April 19th</u> – Gardening Day/Special Persons Day for Toddler & Primary Programs only

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

We are having fun learning all about the farm this month. We're learning what baby farm animals are called and listening to sounds that different animals make on the farm. We are also talking about the different types of farms and the food that is grown on them.

Thank you to all who donated for the sand/water table! It has arrived and been assembled. It needs a good coat of polyurethane before it can be brought to school but we're hoping to have it here by Friday. We know the students are going to enjoy it so much.

Don't forget to buy your Tennessee Aquarium ticket for May 14th at 10:00am if you haven't already done so. This time slot will sell out fast!

Ms. Ginny

Ms. Shannon's, Ms. Kristin's, and Ms. Rachel's Toddler Class

We are continuing with our farm study this week. Today we made a cow and they were so excited! This unit is so much fun!

The weather is acting crazy again. Please make sure to check the weather before school. We are outside for an hour in the morning. This morning was pretty chilly.

Next week we will have our Easter egg hunt on Friday. Each child will need to bring a dozen stuffed eggs that are taped shut. We ask that they be taped so the prizes don't fall out when they are hidden by the elementary kids but also so the kids can't open the eggs and eat the candy. Please remember no chocolate or peanut butter candy and no choking hazards in the eggs. You can buy the ones that are already stuffed if that is easier for you. Each child will need a basket to hunt with next Friday. Most parents do not attend this because it's over so quickly and hard on the children if you don't plan to take them home with you. If you would like to send in a special treat for our egg hunt day or something fun and farm-related for the day our animals visit please let me know.

Just a reminder to buy your Tennessee Aquarium ticket for May 14th at 10 if you haven't already done so.

Ms. Shannon

Ms. Angie's, Ms. Karabeth's, and Ms. Ribar's Primary Class

Hope everyone is used to the spring time change. It takes a while for my body to adjust but I do like the sun being out in the evenings. A few important dates are coming up and a separate email will be sent that pertains to only our class.

3/29 - Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:30 for Primary. Send in 12 treat-filled eggs by 3/27. Also, an easter basket/bucket will be needed. Please label with your child's name.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 4/04 Science Fair for Lower and Upper Elementary from 5:45-7:00 at the Division Street gymnasium. We always love to show support. Third Year Primary students are welcome to participate. Please let me know and I can get you more information.
- 4/08-4/12 Spring Break. Enjoy the family.
- 4/19 Gardening Day/Special Person Day for Toddler & Primary Programs We will send out a wish list but we do love flowers that can handle the summer heat.
- 5/01 May Day/Mother's Day Time to get dressed up all fancy-schmancy! Program begins at 8:30
- 5/03 Third Year Primary field trip Last field trip for the Third Years only. This is their graduation field trip and a day of fun. We will go to the Creative Discovery Museum. More information is coming soon.
- 5/23 Graduation for our Third Year Primary students. Again- more information to come.
- 5/24 Last Day of school and it is 1/2 day. Release time is 11:00

If your child has a summer birthday and you wish to celebrate it in class, please let me know so we can plan it now.

Have a great week!

Ms. Angie

Ms. Ortrud's, Ms. Camela's, and Ms. Trudy's Primary Class

Dear Parents,

Here are some important dates, from now to the end of the school year:

March 29 Easter Egg Hunt

April 4 Science Fair 5:45-7:00

April 8-12 Spring Break

April 17 Gardening Day for Lower & Upper Elementary Programs

April 19 Gardening Day for Toddler & Primary Programs

May 1 May Day/Mother's Day

May 3 3rd Year End of Year field trip

May 23 Graduation

May 24 Last Day of school - Half Day

Please also let me know if you would like to celebrate your child's summer Birthday before the end of the school year.

Ms. Ortrud

Ms. Robin's, Ms. Dolores's, and Ms. Rana's Lower Elementary Class

Spring is so very busy!!! We're enjoying the change of season and noticing lots of new growth in the plants around us in the garden and on the playground. The students enjoyed peeling, chopping, and roasting root vegetables on Friday. This Friday we will be preparing stems to eat with our lunches. We would like some parent volunteers to donate some stem vegetables for this week's project. We would love to taste: asparagus, celery, potatoes (yes, white potatoes are stems, however, sweet potatoes are roots), and brussel sprouts on the stem (Kroger has been carrying them recently. Brussel sprouts are actually axillary buds growing in the leaf axils along the stem of the plant.) Rhubarb isn't in season, but if someone wants to send in a frozen pie we can bake it.

We've begun our study of Asia and will be learning about and researching birds. Science fair projects should be well underway; the observations page and any photos for board display are due this Thursday. Please make sure that children bring their science fair AND homework folder to school on Thursday. Junior Great Books should be returned tomorrow (Wednesday) for use in class. We have spell check on Thursdays; please help your child to practice their spelling words.

Please take note: Our Gardening Day date had to be moved because of ITBS testing. Lower and Upper Elementary will have Gardening Day on Wednesday, April 17th. We will send a wish list soon.

Field trip permission slips for our 4-H trip in May will be sent home today at dismissal. Please return them, with payment, by Monday, April 15th. We need to give the facility numbers for class and dorm room assignments. We still need driver/chaperones for this trip. Please let me know if you are able to chaperone, and how many children you can transport. I've included a link for the permission slip.

Have a blooming great week!

Ms. Robin, Ms. Dolores, and Ms. Rana

Ms. Kathleen's and Ms. Leighan's Upper Elementary Class

Dear Upper El Families,

Fifth Year students had a wonderful time at the Fire Department this week learning more about fire safety. We look forward to this visit each year!

This week we be focusing on the nervous system of the body in our anatomical studies. In botany we will looking in depth at sunflowers, zinnias, and celosia plants.

We will continue to explore science as we look to the periodic chart and the basic structure of atoms, protons, and neurons.

Science Fair: In class we are working with the kids to develop a hypothesis (based on their if/then questions) and write up procedures for their testing. Next Monday, the data or research for their projects will be due and we will begin construction of their science fair boards. We have black tri-fold boards for sale for \$3. If you would like to purchase one please let me know and we will happily provide one for your child.

Please note: Gardening Day will take place on Wednesday, April 17th for Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, Adolescent, and Secondary Programs. This change from Friday, April 19th was made to accommodate the change in scheduling for ITBS testing. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ms. Kathleen