

May News 2019

Mrs. Driscoll

Projects Fair ~ Thanks for your help! Your children are really going to learn a lot! This topic has generated quite a bit of excitement in our classroom! Please note the project is due in school Tuesday, May 28, 2019. Thanks!



Important Dates

- May**
- 1 Governance Council
 - 7 Lilly Bookmobile Visits
 - 10 Scholastic Books Order due
 - 13 WAMS Library
PTG Meeting 6:30pm
 - 17 Memorial Day Program 9:30am
 - 24-31 Scholastic Book Fair
 - 24 April Jones Prince visits
Museum of Science visits
 - 27 No School Memorial Day
 - 28 Projects due in school
Progress Reports go home
 - 30 Projects Fair 5-630
- June 6** Race for Education



Dear Families,

It seems as though Spring has finally arrived, but we all know that the weather can still play tricks on us! It is best that your child wear layers until the weather stabilizes that way he/she will be ready for the temperature changes from the cool mornings to the warm afternoons.

As we begin the final push of this school year, our days will include cumulative projects and assessments. This is the time when the children should be ready to show mastery of addition/subtraction facts, continents/oceans, and all of the other wonderful things we've been learning this year. This should not be a stressful time, but a time to celebrate all of the growth and achievement since first entering second grade back in August.

We have much to celebrate!



OUR LEARNING FOCUS **Every Student's Job**

I think when I read, listen and look.
I track my thinking to help me understand.
I can explain and justify my thinking using
what I've read, heard and seen.





CURRICULUM NOTES

Reading/Language Arts:

We are definitely becoming more thoughtful readers as we continue to develop and deepen comprehension skills as a class and during our reading groups. We are also becoming experts at using the mnemonics TREE, TIDE and www.what2.how2 to write opinions, informational pieces, text analyses and narratives.

The focus of our narrative writing this month will be using dialogue (with correct punctuation) and "showing, not telling" to add detail to our writing.

We are looking forward to meeting author April Jones Prince when she comes to our school on May 24th!



Math:

We going to move quickly through our remaining Topics. This month we will work on measurement in standard and metric units as well as graphing data.

As I've mentioned before, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that each student learns addition and subtraction facts by heart. **PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE REINFORCE THIS AT HOME.** Students must have mastery of all addition and subtraction facts through 10 + 10. Your support in this area is greatly appreciated!

Science:

We will use the learn about properties of matter. There will be a special presentation by the Boston Museum of Science on May 24th to enhance our knowledge of the states of matter.



Social Studies:

We will continue to learn about the 7 continents and 5 oceans, and we will discuss "continent vs. country" as we learn more about which countries border the United States. This will all serve as a preview to the ancestor/immigration theme we will be starting at the end of the month. We will also learn the location of some of the world's major mountain ranges and rivers. Finally, we will discuss the meaning of Memorial Day.



Please have your child wear **red**, white and **blue** on Friday, May 17, 2019 for our school-wide Memorial Day ceremony.

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18 Last Day of School

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