

## May Newsletter: Mrs. Madaus

The month of May has begun with the theme of “Growing and Changing”. During this theme the students will be learning about how plants, animals, and people grow and change with time. We will be investigating different types of seeds and observing the changes that occur with the correct and incorrect conditions.

The students will also discuss the activities they can do now as preschoolers that they couldn't do when they were babies. As children mature they begin to make connections to his/her environment. Become an “Observer” in your home and throughout the day with your child, and the conversations will build lots of good language and vocabulary.

During this 3 week period the students will be meeting some new Alphafriends. Last week the students met Gertie Goose. This week we will meet Edna Elephant and next week we will meet Dudley Duck. The students really look forward to the new Alphafriend every week. We've already met 21! Your children should be noticing letters around them all the time. Encourage reading of these letters and sounding them out wherever you are: the grocery store, driving in the car, sharing a story together. A nice activity is to give them a highlighter or writing tool to circle letters they know in the newspaper or grocery flyer when you are done reading it. Or have them color the letter that you tell them says a particular sound like /b/ or /s/. The students have also become very good at writing their names. Congratulations!

As the year progresses the students are beginning to broaden their understanding of math concepts. As with reading activities continue to look for numbers in your child's day-to-day life. Math is everywhere: shapes, patterns, and tools for measurement (clocks, calendars, measuring tapes), are just a few examples. I find that children love to show you what they know when you show interest, so listen and then challenge them to go a small step further!

Donation requests: Baby wipes

Important Dates:

May 20 In-house Bug Club Show

(Lunch will not be scheduled into our day.

May 27 No School: Memorial Day

June 5 Preschool Kindergarten Open House- No Classes