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May News in Mrs. Taylor's Second Grade



Math

In math, we are currently wrapping up our measurement and graphing unit and will soon be focusing on geometry. We will be learning to use vocabulary words such as vertices, edges, sides, faces, and angles. This is a great time to begin to notice and discuss shapes as you see them in the world around you.

The second half of this unit will introduce fractions. Students will learn to determine whether or not a shape is divided into equal parts and will partition shapes into equal halves, thirds, and fourths.

Writing

In conjunction with our new science unit on animal habitats, we will soon be beginning a nonfiction animal book writing project. Each student will be choosing an animal to research, write, and present about. This is always an exciting project, and each year students ask to bring information on their animal from home. This is in no way required, however, if you choose to help your child find information at home, please note the source of that information. We will be discussing the importance of choosing reliable sources and including a "Where My Information Came From" page at the end of each book in order to begin to develop good research habits. Thank you for your support!

Field Trips & Special Events

Thanks very much for all of your contributions to our classroom fundraisers throughout the school year. Thanks to funds raised and support from WESTCO, we will be visited by the New England Aquarium on May 13th for a hands-on tide pool exploration to accompany our study of the ocean and pond habitats. We will also visit the Ecotarium on May 17th, and Tower Hill Botanic Garden on May 31. The final trip is sponsored by WEDF. Permission forms for the traveling trips will go home soon.

A Note From Your Child

May Dates to Remember

May 13 - New England Aquarium Visit

May 17 - Ecotarium Trip

May 24 - Memorial Day Music Programs

May 27 - Memorial Day (No School)

May 31 - Tower Hill Trip