



May News



Mrs. VanArsdel's Class

April 28-May 2

Our Class Website: www.vanarsdelkindergarten.weebly.com

A Peek At Our Week

- We will continue to practice sight words for the remainder of the school year.
- We reviewed identifying and isolating the initial, middle and final sounds in words.
- We built the -ake word family (cake, rake, snake, etc.).
- Our shared reading activities focused on answering questions about a story and we reviewed the difference between fantasy and reality.
- We reviewed writing the numbers 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20 on lined paper in handwriting.
- We began Topic 15 "Calendar" in math. This week we focused on the seasons, months and the days of the week. We also worked on identifying the number pattern on a calendar and identifying yesterday, today and tomorrow.
- In writer's workshop we worked on "How To" writing. We thought of things we know how to do really well and then wrote the steps needed to complete the task. For example "How to Make a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich". We talked about using the words first, next, then & last/finally when writing our steps.
- We have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly in science. We read several nonfiction books about caterpillars and butterflies. We worked on a project where we used pasta to show the stages in the lifecycle of a butterfly (egg, caterpillar, pupa, butterfly). We made a life cycle flip book and wrote about what happens at each stage in the life cycle. We have real caterpillars that arrived last week! We have enjoyed watching our caterpillars grow and 4 have already made a chrysalis. We can't wait to see them emerge as butterflies! Next week we will complete some activities to go along with the book The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.

Reminders and Looking Ahead

- School will dismiss at 1:00 on Wednesday, May 7th.
- Our End of Year Celebration/Awards will be Tuesday, May 20th from 2:00-3:00 in our classroom. Please return the RSVP by Wednesday, May 14th. This is a very special day for the kindergartners. I hope you all can attend!
- Our kindergarten picnic will be Monday, May 12th.
- Our last Spanish homework square is due Monday, May 5th. You can also turn in any missing Spanish squares on Monday.
- Friday, May 16th is our school-wide field day!
- The last day of school is Thursday, May 22nd 11:45 dismissal.
- Next week will be our last week for kindergarten homework.

Have a wonderful weekend!