



May News



Mrs. VanArsdel's Class

May 5-9

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.
- Our phonemic awareness activities focused on deleting the initial and final sounds in words and substituting the initial and final sounds in words.
- We built the -ing word family (king, ring, wing, etc.).
- Our shared reading activities focused on the book Cookie's Week. We practiced retelling the events of the story in the correct order and we made a mini "Cookie's Week" book.
- We began Topic 16 "Graphing" in math. This week we focused collecting data, picture graphs, bar graphs and comparing the data on a graph.
- The class has been asking all year to do some "make believe" writing, so for the remainder of the school year we will focus on fiction writing in writer's workshop. We will learn about some the characteristics of fiction stories and write our own fiction story.
- This week we completed some activities to go along with the book The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. We made a flip book to show the story elements. We also made some "Hungry Caterpillar" hats on Friday. Four of our five caterpillars have emerged from their chrysalis as butterflies! The kids were so excited to see this transformation. We let those four butterflies go on Friday! We are hoping our last butterfly will emerge next week! The kids also worked hard on creating a Mother's Day card.

Reminders and Looking Ahead

- 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. Please have your child dress appropriately for the weather, wear tennis shoes, and bring a sack lunch and a water bottle.
- Friday, May 16th is our school-wide field day!
- The last day of school is Thursday, May 22nd 11:45 dismissal.
- There will be no more homework sent home for the remainder of the school year.

Have a wonderful weekend!