



Kindergarten Cuties

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Parent Newsletter – May 2019

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Reading

We will read nonfiction books about life cycles. The books we will read are, *Sunflower Life Cycle* and *Butterfly Life Cycle*, both by Jeff Bauer, and *Frog Life Cycle*, by Justin McCory Martin. We will be comparing these books to fiction books that touch on the same subject. These books are *The Tiny Seed* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, both by Eric Carle, and *From Tadpole to Frog*, by Wendy Pfeffer.

We will look at the main idea and key details in a nonfiction text, new vocabulary words associated with life cycles and different text features of a non-fiction text. Readers will identify similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic. Learners will explore content to tell how different living things change through a life cycle.

Writing

We will use pictures and words to tell about the main idea and supporting details of a topic. We will write about information found in a nonfiction book. We will write sentences comparing two texts. We will continue to write complete sentences to add to our writing. We will use a capital letter at the beginning of the sentence and a period at the end. Please encourage your children to use sight words in their sentences and the mini word wall sent home as a tool for writing. Students should make sure their sentence matches what the picture portrays. When doing writing homework with your child, encourage them to stretch their words and write the sounds they hear. Continue labeling their pictures. Practice reading and writing sight words with your child. These words are important tools for the beginning reader.

Math

We will be working on Chapter 10 this month. In this chapter we will be identifying and describing three-dimensional shapes. We will be looking at which shapes can roll or stack. We will also be looking at position words like above, behind, below, beside, next to and in front of. We will then begin Chapter 11. We will be comparing and measuring objects and analyzing data.



What's New in Music and Art?

Ms. LaMorte: Students will work on beautiful singing and secure all music selections for Kindergarten Celebration.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of May, art students will continue practicing drawing, painting and collage.

*IMPORTANT DATES

5/10 - Mother's Day Tea, 8:30am-9:30am

5/10 - Plant Sale - Schedule to follow

5/15 - PAWS Awards, 6:30pm - PTA Meeting, 7:00pm

5/17 - Science with Dr. Ortiz

5/27 - Memorial Day - No School

*Please don't forget to send in Kindergarten Dues.

Save the Dates:

6/7 - Kindergarten Celebration in Main Auditorium, 12:00 noon

6/12 - Daddy and Donuts, 8:30am

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Be sure to check your child's homework folder every night and take out papers and notices on the keep home side.
- We will be sending home your child's part in our Kindergarten Celebration. Please have your child practice it every night along with other homework.

Thank you.

PTA News

* Pretzels for our Panthers Friday May 3 (\$1/pretzel)

* Teacher appreciation week! May 6th - 10th

* "Principal for a day". Raffles on sale until May 9th. (\$1/ticket; \$10/12 tickets; \$20/25 tickets)

* Street Fair May 9th from 5pm - 8pm. Join us for dancing in the street, face painting, games and a live drawing of our "principal for a day" raffle winners.

* Plant Sale Friday May 10th (class schedule times to be distributed closer to event)

* PTA meeting May 15th at 7pm. Elections held for PTA board members as well as SLT board members for the next school year (2019-2020)

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Hello Petrides Families,

Spring has sprung-hopefully everyone can get outside and enjoy that sunshine!! The feeling of excitement is in the air as we near the end of our school year. Let's make sure to stay focused and bright until then.

We would like to commend our dedicated 3rd and 4th graders for their hard work and commitment with preparing for the NYS ELA and Math tests. We are confident you did great!

We look forward to all of the exciting culminating events that are quickly approaching. Please mark your calendars and save the dates accordingly. I can't wait to celebrate with you all.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

