

Kindergarten Newsletter

April

Important Dates:

April 18	Showcase of Learning 2:00-3:00
April 19	No School
April 23	Discovery Center Field Trip, Milwaukee extended day 7:45-4:45
April 29	Art Show 3:00-7:00 in the Aldo Gym
May 7	Milwaukee Zoo Field Trip, extended day 7:30-4:45

Reading and Writing- We are continuing to work on non-fiction writing. We will also be starting to work on writing “how to books”. We have worked to identify the author’s purpose in non-fiction books as well as identify the common characteristics of non-fiction books. The kids have enjoyed using a graphic organizer to gather their information. We will read “how to” books and identify the sequence of events. We will write our own “ how to” books based off of personal experiences. We will also begin to learn about what how to books are and why they are helpful to use. We will cover a wide range of different stories, including some fiction and nonfiction how to books. Also, we will follow some of the how to books step by step to understand the real life importance of this type of book. At home, you can make connections to this learning when you are talking about sequence of events such as what happens during your day, the steps to prepare a meal, or even the steps they take to prepare for bedtime.

Math- Throughout the month we will be starting to work on comparing different measurements and numbers in class. We will look at different sizes of things, as well and comparing things like weight. We will compare numbers and begin to use vocabulary such as greater than, less than, and equal to. We will also continue to work on teen numbers and place value with students.

Content- Together with the first and second graders, we will be working to create projects through a project based learning experience. This will include learning about oceans, deserts, insects, or weather. Students selected a course that sounded interesting to them and then they will continue to learn about, research, and invent things related to these topics. We look forward to displaying our learning for you at the Showcase of Learning on April 18th.

Extra Clothes: Now is a good time to send in another set of extra clothes. Students get wet at recess or fall in the mud as the snow is melting. Please continue to send boots until the mud has dried up, otherwise our classrooms end up very muddy.

Items we could use:

- Glue Sticks
- Play-doh
- Bubbles
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Watercolor paints
- Consumable supplies for our STEAM carts
 - Tape (masking tape and duct tape)
 - Popsicle sticks
 - Scrapbook paper