



**Mr. Mott's Kindergarten News**  
**April 20, 2015**

**Before Vacation**

Before vacation, we finished our unit on fairy tales. We learned what fairy tales were, what are characters, what's the setting, the problems and solutions, and just enjoying the great stories as well :).

In Foundations, we focused on tapping using words with digraphs. We were digraph detectives, underlining digraphs we found in words.

In Writing Workshop, we worked with partners to revise some stories and started new how-to stories.

In Science, we began brainstorming what we know and want to know about plants and animals. We went for walk around the school grounds looking at different types of plants.

**Where We Are Going**

On Wednesday we will celebrate Earth Day! Through out the week, we will learn how we can help our planet. There will be an at home project for you and your child to do together - how do you help our planet? More directions on the back!

On Wednesday, we will be welcoming some high schoolers to our classroom! In

connection with Read Across America month (delayed due to snow :)), high school classes have adopted K classes to get a book to each student. On Wednesday, they will be coming to read to us as well as give a book to each student to keep!

This week, we will also begin our plant theme by working in our garden on the K-1 playground. On Wednesday, we will be weeding (please send your child to school in clothes you don't mind getting dirty). On Friday, we will do some planting. (Thursday is Picture Day, so we won't be working in the garden then :)).

In Foundations, we will continue to practice tapping to read and tapping to spell, but with a focus on words with digraphs in them. We will continue to review the difference between b's and d's (you can bulldoze a b, but not a d!).

In Math, we will be reviewing subtraction using a variety of modalities. There will be subtraction games and movies available on our Students' Links page.

In Writing Workshop, we will learn how to write 'all about' stories.

**In Other News**

Students may bring trawlers to help dig out weeds in the garden Wednesday!

Reminder: Paperbooks sent home Friday before vacation are for keeps!

**Important Dates**

**TH 4/23 - Picture Day!**

**F 4/24 - Help Our Planet Project due!**

**4/28 - K Information Night for Parents (for students coming into K next school year)!**  
(Daycare available)

**5/20 - Field Trip to Bluff Point**

**5/25 - NO SCHOOL  
Memorial Day**

**Sight Words**  
or by at

**Homework**  
Read 20 mins. nightly

M - Foundations - Reading Phrases

T - Subtraction Practice

W - Foundations - Tap to Read Words

TH - Help Our Planet Project due Friday!



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### **In Other News**

**Help Our Planet Project** - We will make a display in the hallway at the end of the week on how we help our planet with the poster you and your child create...

- Think about ways you and your family help the planet (such as turning lights off, using storage containers, reusing plastic bottles, using reusable bags at the store, recycling trash, composting, etc.)
- Have your child draw a picture in the box of how either themselves or your family help the planet.
- Encourage your child to write how they save the planet (remind them that they are super stretchers and can sound out words). Remember that they are phonetic spellers and only write the sounds they hear or think they hear.
- Return the paper to school Friday for us to mount on our bulletin board!