

Kindergarten Classroom Newsletter

(4/27 - 5/01)

Announcements:

- Kindergarten is going on a field trip to the **Denver Zoo on May 1st!** A field trip permission form was sent home in your child's homework folder. Please sign and return the form by April 24th. If you're interested in chaperoning, please check the box at the bottom of the form. We will contact parent chaperones.

Our Learning This Week:

- Literacy
 - Phonics: This week, we will learn how to tap out/sound out words with the **long vowel u**. These words will have a magic e at the end and a long-vowel a sound (e.g., cute, tune, fume). We will be practicing the names and sounds of the letters as we learn this skill. We have a **spelling test on Friday** over long vowel o words.
 - Sight Words: This week, we will be writing sight word sentences using all of the sight words we have learned so far in Kindergarten. Our second sight word sentence will be graded.
 - Writing: This week in writing, we will write about what social insect we would like to be. Students will decide whether they would like to be a drone, worker, queen bee, or ant, and explain why.
- Math
 - We have completed our Into Math curriculum! This week, we will be working on counting coins. Students will use their knowledge of the values of pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters to count different groups of coins. **There will be a math test on Friday.**
- CORE
 - We are going to learn about what a plant needs to survive. Plants need air, water, soil, and sunlight to grow! We will be focusing on learning more about plants and their needs.

Homework:

- Monday:
 - Letter U Picture Sort and Counting Coins: Pennies, Nickels, and Dimes

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- Tuesday:
 - Super E Bubbles and Adding Pennies, Nickels, and Dimes
- Wednesday:
 - Sentence Picture Match and Adding Pennies, Nickels, and Dimes
- Thursday:
 - Matching Words and Mix it Up!
- Friday:
 - **The Literacy Packet and Math Homework are due today!** Please **staple** all homework together into one big packet

Upcoming Events:

- **Kindergarten Field Trip to the Zoo:** Friday, May 1st
- **Art and Music Festival:** May 14th, see Eagle for more information
- **Kindergarten Field Trip to the Botanic Gardens:** Friday, May 15th

Technology

Our Tech Talk this week will focus on the question “how do we stay safe on websites and apps?” Students will continue practicing keyboard skills and then enjoy free-choice time on the chromebooks.

Library

This week we will read the story *The Velveteen Rabbit* and discuss the story using first, next, then and last. Then after book checkout, we will make our own rabbit.

On Tuesday we are excited to welcome Arapahoe Public Libraries to CCA. All classes will have an opportunity to meet with them and hear about their summer reading programs.

Finally, May 1 is our last day to check out a library book this school year!

Art, Music, and PE with Mrs. MacFarland

In Art, students will be continuing our art texture unit based on the artist/illustrator Eric Carle by painting with texture tools. It's a fun time and your kids will come home talking about it! In Music, we've started our unit on rhythm, focusing on quarter and eighth notes first, then adding quarter rests. We will be adding rhythm sticks to help up play these notes. In PE, we will be doing parachute activities.

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Social Emotional Learning with Ms. Sullivan

Second Step: Home Link, Unit 4: Problem-Solving

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