



Mr. Mott's Kindergarten News
June 11, 2018

Where We've Been

Last week, we focused on learning about fish - how they behave, how they move, and how to take care of them.

In Reading Workshop, we worked on using all that we have learned about reading to learn about special topics in books we read. We learned how we can pick out the important words (vocabulary words) and tell those to our reading partners.

In Foundations, we reviewed decoding words with short vowels (CVC), long vowels (CVVC, VCe), and the rules that we have learned - when to use c, k, or ck. We also practiced building sentences and changing sentences.

In Writing Workshop, we worked on our persuasive writing. We focused on adding a story to help make our writing more persuasive.

In Math, we practiced finding all the different combinations of a number. We noticed a pattern - that if we went sequential, we can find all the combinations quicker than if we did guess and check.

Mrs. Yolen taught us about strangers and how we shouldn't talk to strangers.

Where We Are Going

This week, we will be working on closing out the classroom. Please check your child's backpack daily as they will probably be full of things coming home :). Please check around the house for Guided Reading books (not the paper ones), classroom books, and Library books! Students will get to take home their crayon bags, writing + reading + communications folders + Book Choice Bags.

In Foundations, we will continue to review what we've learned about words - CVC, long vowel, and Bossy R words.

In Math, we will review what we've learned about teen numbers, addition, and subtraction.

In Writing Workshop, students will get to free write! When your child's folder comes up, remember that most of the stories they wrote

independently on their own!

In Other News

Please look through your home for guided reading books and books from our classroom library. Thank you!

Summer Birthdays - please let me know if you would like to celebrate your child's birthday before school gets out!

Over the summer, your child may continue to use Raz Kids to read, listen to, or record them selves reading stories.

Your child may still log in to JiJi Math to play games over the summer. All K games have been accessible from home for a couple weeks now.

End of Year Countdown

M - Video Day
T - Walk Day
W - Xtra Recess Day
TH - Year End Clearance Day
F - Zip up and Zoom Home!

Important Dates

M 6/6 - End of Year Celebration
W 6/8 - Summer Reading Assembly and Step-Up Day
TH 6/9 - Field Trip to Eastern Point Beach (or Nautilus)
F 6/10 - Last Day of School
Early Dismissal



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In Other News

Sneakers Please! - Please have your child wear sneakers each day to school. Flipflops are not safe with the wood chips on our playground. It is also challenging to run around and have fun on the playground without sneakers!

End of Year Countdown

- M - Video Day - Mr. Mott will be bring lollipops to school for students to enjoy!
- T - Walk Day - We will go for a walk and get some exercise!
- W - Xtra Recess Day - We will have extra recess!
- TH - Year End Clearance Day - We will clean out the classroom!
- F - Zip Up Your Backpack and Zoom Home! - Have a great summer!

Special End of Year Events (Updated as Events are Scheduled)

- W 6/8 - Step-Up Day
 - Each grade will step-up to the next grade to meet next year's team.
- TH 6/9 - Field Trip to Eastern Point Beach
 - Please put sunscreen on your child before they come to school!
 - Pack a snack, lunch (unless school lunch requested on permission form), towel, bathing suit (or have suit on under clothes), water, and a hat!
 - **Students may go into the water up to their knees only!**
 - We will return to school after lunch.
 - IF UNFAVORABLE WEATHER - we will go visit the Nautilus Sub Museum (PENDING BUS COMPANY APPROVAL)
- F 6/19 - EARLY DISMISSAL - Last day of school!



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Getting Ready for First Grade!

(Some ideas to do this summer to get ready for next year!)

Reading / Phonic Skills

- Read nightly to your child – talk about the story – who, what, where, when, why?
- Enroll in a summer reading program through the Base or Groton Public Library.
- Have your child read stories to you.
- Review tapping and blending sounds in words.
- Review sight words.

Writing Skills

- Have your child keep a journal of things they do over the summer, write about stories they read, or have them come up with their own stories.

Math Skills

- Practice counting to 100 by ones, fives, and tens.
- Practice writing numerals to 100.
- Practice adding and subtracting.
- Review using 5 and 10 groups to make numerals.

It has been a pleasure being your child's teacher this year. Thank you for all your support both at home and at school to continue your child's education. We would especially like to thank all the parent volunteers who helped out with centers, special events, field trips, and preparing classroom materials at home. We hope that you have a safe and happy summer!

**Sincerely,
Mr. Mott
Ms. Beatty
Ms. Pankie**