

May 4, 2018

Dea Parents,

The weather is so challenging and is confusing for everyone. It has been cold, rainy, warm and a bit of everything this week. I think everyone is ready for it to warm up and stay. Hopefully soon!

We are continuing to work with our feelings during our social thinking time. We read about what to do when we get mad at/about something. We talked about some strategies that we can use. Some of these might be: take deep breaths, walk away and do something else, etc. We are also practicing showing our emotions and reading how someone else is feeling by what they are looking like.

We continue to practice introducing different strategies with our reading groups. This week we learned and practice partner reading. We learned that we should not tell our partner a word, but help them read the word using strategies that we have learned about. Some of these strategies are using the pictures, first letters, does it make sense, etc. A lot of the children are really taking off and showing nice progress in our reading groups and showing nice progress in their interest in writing as well. We also continue to encourage the children to read/be read to over the summer months so they continue to grow throughout the summer and don't lose these skills.

In Foundations, we learned another new trick word, you. We have also learned how to write Q, R, S, T, U this week. We practice tapping words and creating words with letters. We will continue practicing these skills to help students get ready for next year. We added you for our trick word list.

During math we are learning our new number corner routines for the month of May. We continue to work in our math groups and the children really enjoy working in the small groups to increase their skills in a small group.

We have begun a small unit around neighborhoods. We will talk about places in our neighborhood, what makes up a neighborhood, our addresses and we will even make a neighborhood in our classroom. This will practice our social skills as well.

Each year I invite my students to come to my house to have dinner. This is an optional activity, but is always a fun time. If you would like your child to be a part of this please send me a note/email by Tuesday, May 8. I will send more information and the date of the the dinner to those who respond and will also include directions to my house.

I am sending home the final book order for the year. Remember, you can order online if it is easier. The code for our class is: GXJYC at scholastic.com. It is due on/before May 18. Please consider buying some for the summer as surprises.

Upcoming Events:

5/10: Last PTA meeting 6:30

5/24: Spring Concert 6:30

5/28: Memorial Day- No School

6/13: Last day of school for students

Have a good weekend. Hopefully, the weather will stay nice..