



Charles E. Walters School

Parent Newsletter

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May



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Kindergarten May 2023 News

In Foundations, we will continue dictation. The children will review sight words, long and short vowel sounds, scooping phrases, and digraphs.

In Reading Workshop, the children continue to be avid readers and are learning to get to know their characters. Students will continue to read with fluency and comprehension every day. The children need to independently read on level D/E by June in order to be ready for First Grade.

In Writing Workshop, the students will be finishing up How-to Writing and they will begin our unit on persuasive writing. Students will share their thoughts and opinions on various topics that are important to them.

In Math, our students will be able to identify, model and count to the number 20. They will also be counting by 1's and skip counting by 10's to 100. We will also be working on identifying and describing 3D shapes.

In Science, the students will be learning about life cycles. We will be studying the life cycles of butterflies and plants. We will continue to visit the Science Lab each week.

In Social Studies, the students will be learning about Memorial Day, Mothers' Day, and different careers in our community.

The students will continue working with the I-Ready program to improve Reading and Math skills.



C.E.W Does It R.I.G.H.T.

Respect
Integrity
Good Behavior
Helping Others
Teamwork

Teamwork is the theme of the month

May Highlights

- Kindergarten Plant Sale will be on May 10th and 11th. Students may purchase plants to bring home. Schedule to follow.
- Week of May 15th is College and Career Week.
- Budget Vote Day May 16th.
- Kindergarten Field Trip will be on May 23rd. **Please have your child wear their teal CEW T-Shirts.**
- No school May 25-30th.

Reminders:

- Our aquarium field trip is May 23rd.** Please remember to dress your child accordingly and send them in with a "brown bag" disposable home lunch and drink if this was your lunch choice. They will also need a separate snack on this day to eat when we return from our trip.
- Be sure your child can zipper, button, and tie shoes independently!
- Please check and empty your child's book bag every night.



1st Grade May News

Math:

Our first graders will continue to develop an understanding of whole number relationships and place value, including grouping in tens and ones. Students will use models to help them add and subtract one-digit numbers to two-digit numbers and two-digit numbers to two-digit numbers. Our first graders will be working on representing data. In this unit, students will be using data to make a bar graph, picture graph, and tally chart. The students will use the graphs to analyze and interpret data. Please make sure to practice math facts with your child daily.

Writing:

Our first grade writers will be finishing up poetry writing and then moving on to our new unit "Small Moments" where students will write about personal experiences and zooming in on one moment of their lives.

Science and Social Studies:

This month first graders will examine the roles of a variety of *community helpers*. Students will also understand why our country established *Memorial Day* as a national holiday. We will continue with our unit on Plants. We will be planting seeds and learning about the parts of a plant. We will start our Mystery Science unit "Plant Superpowers".

Reading:

We will begin to work in our "Meeting Characters and Learning Lessons" unit.

Our first graders will learn to understand characters and their relationships by considering their likes and dislikes, wants and needs, and inferring their feelings and motivations. Readers will demonstrate an understanding of the central message by identifying lessons that characters learn and "big life lessons" that anyone can learn. We will continue to retell our stories by identifying characters, setting and important events in the sequence in which they occurred.

Health:

Our first grade students are continuing to learn about being healthsmart. Our students are studying Nutrition and Physical Activity. We are discussing the importance of good eating habits and physical activity habits. We will also talk about water intake and eating a healthy breakfast.

Foundations:

First graders are now combining all phonics skills introduced to read and spell words with two-syllables. Students should be applying closed-syllable and vowel-consonant-e syllable rules to break words into parts. They are being introduced to compound words and the special spelling of two-syllable words containing the sound -ic. We are noticing how word meanings change by adding the suffixes -s, -ed, and -ing to nouns and/or verbs.



May



Second Grade Newsletter

Reading and Writing

In reading, students are reading series books. In reading, they will start the non fiction book clubs towards the end of the month. They are writing fictional stories. Later in the month, they will write lab reports.



Math

In math, we will be continuing to work on all different types of word problems. Students are adding and subtracting with 2 and three digits with regrouping. Students will also be working on reading a clock as well as counting coins.



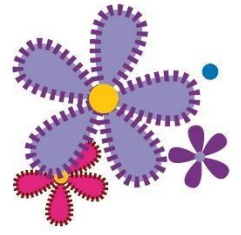
Science

In science, we will be continuing Mystery science where students are learning about the relationship between animals and plants.

Social Studies

In social studies, we are learning about geography. Students will be reading maps and identifying landforms.





3rd Grade May News

Reading and Writing:

We will be starting our unit on research clubs. Students will work in book clubs to research specific non-fiction topics.

We will be starting another unit on information writing. Students will learn how to read, research, and write in the content areas.

Math:

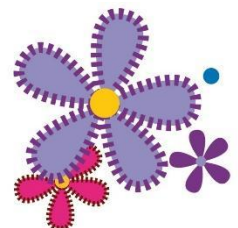
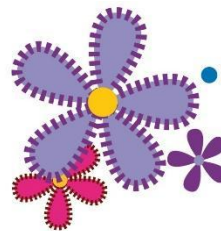
We will be learning about measurement. We will learn how to measure time, length, liquid volume, and mass. We will also learn about area and perimeter.

Science:

We will be starting our unit on butterflies. We will celebrate the end of this unit by releasing our butterflies back into nature.

Social Studies:

We will continue to learn about other countries as we “travel” across the globe.



4th Grade May News



ELA:

Students will be focusing on texts that relate to the American Revolution. These lessons will allow for students to gain perspective into this time in America, while relating themselves to the different situations and characters they encounter.

Math:

Students will be learning about measurement and angles, focusing on geometry. Students will identify different shapes and ways they can be classified.



Social Studies:

Students will be learning about the American Revolution, learning about important dates and people who helped shape this country.

Writing:

Students will fully immerse into the American Revolution unit by focusing on the information and perspective of those during this exciting time in America.

Science:

Students will continue to work hands-on in the science lab. They will use problem solving skills to help them build different electrical circuits.

Health:

Students will be focusing on nutrition. They will learn to make healthy choices while eating, and also learn about the health benefits of exercise.

Special Areas

LIBRARY



During May, the 2nd grade will explore fairy tales. We will be reading different versions of familiar fairy tales and exploring how they are different from the original tale.

The 3rd and 4th grades will explore poetry. They will learn about different types of poems and have a chance to write their own poems.

In addition, I encourage all of our families to check out the Sora app or website. We now have access to Sora- a 24-7 digital Library. All of our students have been introduced to the Sora app, so I encourage you to ask your child about it!

Ms. Schneyman

May is an exciting month in the Primary Center Library! Students will be exploring our next unit about Digital Citizenship. This means we will be learning how to be responsible, respectful, and safe users of the internet, our "online neighborhood". After being introduced to the subject, students will take a "virtual field trip" to the San Diego Zoo, where we will explore two animal exhibits and pull out facts about each one to take home and share with our families! As always, if you have any questions regarding book exchange, please don't hesitate to contact me.

- Mr. Braun

MUSIC



Special Areas Cont'd

K-1

In general music we are going to continue refining our knowledge of deeper musical concepts such as dynamics, tempo, and form. By the end of the month or early next month it is our goal to create our own song using boomwhackers! This will be done as either a full class or in small groups. We will use the instrument skills and rhythm knowledge that we've been practicing all year to help us achieve this goal.

Orchestra

In orchestra it's finally Recital season! Later this month we will be performing 3 songs in our recital alongside the band. I'm very excited for all of the students to show off the hard work they've done this year. Playing an instrument is not easy, and I'm very proud of each and every one of them for putting in the time and effort to learn how to play. Please remember to wear black bottoms and white tops on the day of the recital, as well as the dress rehearsal which will be the Monday prior.

K-1- Our primary students will continue to work rhythm and pitch. Children will enhance their singing skills through simple songs, pitch explorations, and call and response style music. Students will be able to identify, label various rhythms such as eighth notes, quarter notes, quarter rests and half notes and apply it to body percussion exercises and performing on classroom instruments.

2- Students in the 2nd grade will be introduced to the instrument families. Students will be able to organize instruments within the orchestra as woodwind, brass, percussion, and strings. Students will learn the story of Peter and the Wolf and how each instrument represents a character in the book.

3- The 3rd grade students will be learning about the instruments in the orchestra and the band. They will be able to name, and identify the sound that associates with each instrument. At the end of the month students will select the instrument they would like to play in the 4th grade!

4- The 4th grade students will continue their bucket drumming unit. They will also practice their 4th grade awards songs to prepare for their graduation!

Band- Students in the band will have their first concert this month. Families are invited to our performance which will be held on May 24th at 10 A.M. Band students should wear white tops and black bottoms for the concert. Girls can wear a black dress with white cardigan. We ask all performers to wear black shoes.

P.E.

What's happening in Primary Physical Education?

During the month of May we will be working on our field day activities to prepare for our field days, make sure to look for information coming home so you can come and join in on the fun.

We will also be working on fitness skills throughout the month.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Mrs. Yovino & Mrs. Ammirati

Intermediate Physical Education

Spring is in the air and I hope everyone is starting to enjoy the nicer weather. During the month of May students will be working on various sports skills. Some of these will include hockey, lacrosse, badminton, soccer, etc. Students will be working on hand-eye and hand-foot coordination while participating in these stations. Towards the end of the month students will begin preparing for their Field Days. See you all in June.

Mr. Riccio & Mrs. Ammirati





May ART

Thank you so much to all the families who were able to make it to the Art Show and celebrate all of the amazing creative talent we have here at CEW. Can you believe it's May?! It's Career Month in art and we will be exploring and experiencing different creative arts careers. We will learn about fashion and the design process by designing a shoe, backpack, or an outfit. We will also learn about animation and illustration by creating a simple animated flipbook. Lastly, we will learn about advertising and create an advertisement (poster or commercial) for a made-up product. Let the creativity begin!

Ms. Kim Leahy

Art Teacher

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During the month of May, the 2nd graders will be creating spring scenes using mixed art media, the 3rd graders will be making pop-up flowers, and the 4th graders will be doing self-expressive sculptures.

Regards, Mary Ann Harding



HEALTH OFFICE INFORMATION

May 2023



It's time to bring on the May flowers! We are all very excited to welcome the colorful flowers that our April showers have brought us.

There are 2 topics of focus for this month:

1. National Mental Health Awareness Month
2. National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

During the month, help to raise awareness towards Mental Health. Talk to your child daily about their day; take this opportunity to explore their feelings. An approach of being positive toward a situation can make a big difference in the way children respond.

National Physical Fitness and Sports awareness is another focus for May. Whether it is in an organized team sport, PE class, outside recess or an at-home outside fun activity, we want to make sure to always be safe. This month into next, our students will participate in Field Day activities with their PE teachers and classmates.

Please keep in mind the expected weather of the day, not the season when getting your children dressed and ready for school. Running, jumping, swinging and outside activity at school works best when the children are dressed accordingly with proper footwear.

Have fun, stay safe and healthy!!

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Wellness Corner

Ms. Castelli: Psychologist

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Mr. Zipper: Behavior TA

We are quickly approaching the end of the academic school year!
We are looking forward to winding down and enjoying the warm weather.

Please remember that our Wellness Team is here to help with any issues concerning your children. Here's to a smooth spring with a lot of fun activities for everyone to enjoy!!

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