

May News from Mrs. Faxlanger's Class

April 27, 2018

Dear Parents,

Yea! It's Spring, finally! There's a lot going on in May, so it's time for another newsletter. Officially, there are 38 days of school remaining and it's going to fly by fast. **ZOOM!!**

Next Tuesday and Wednesday is the NYS Math test, and then those will be done. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep going into each day, as it's just plain hard for them to sit and work for these extended times. The test is untimed, so it relieves the pressure, but many will still take an hour or so to complete each day's exam. As we did for the ELA test, the children will be given a school breakfast each morning *at no cost*. This was started quite a few years ago, to ensure that everyone has something to eat before the tests. Of course, if you'll be making omelets and French toast with bacon at your house, you've got a lucky kid! (And I'll be there for breakfast too!)

The end of the school year is going to come very quickly, and with that comes very warm days in the classroom. The children are already getting antsy and chatty; I know they will get "antsier" and "chattier" as the weather gets warmer, promising the coming of summer. We will continue working right up to the end, but I will be sensitive to their need to get outside and play, and thus will make every effort to maximize the time we spend in school (including some time on the playground) and assign reasonable homework. ☺ Children need to play outside.



Coming up very soon, on Wednesday May 16th is our trip to Penn Dixie to dig fossils, and the Buffalo Zoo trip is on Wednesday, June 13th. **A letter is also going home today regarding chaperonin, if you are interested. Please be sure to return this by next Wednesday, May 2nd.**

You've probably noticed that all of your child's work is written in cursive now (except spelling tests) and they're doing very well! In math, we've finished fractions. Coming up is Graphs, then Geometry and Perimeter, and last, a return to multiplication with 2- and 3-digit numbers times one-digit numbers. In Social Studies, we've been learning about immigration and the Great Migration, then we move forward through time to kinds of transportation and how this changed America. We're still working on body systems in Health.

Earth Day was postponed; we're waiting for warmer days, and more importantly, for the ground to dry up a bit!

I'm sending home two book orders today, Super Summer Reading (note "Wonder" books) and May Lucky (note "I Survived" books). These will be due with payment by next Friday, May 4th.

And last, a huge thank you to everyone who sent in snacks for Ben Geblein and his troops in Syria. We mailed out 40 pounds of goodies!!!



Sincerely,

Mrs. Faxlanger

