

Dear Parents,

Tonight is the Spring Concert and the children should be in their homeroom classrooms by 6:00. They are suppose to dress colorfully or tie dye. It's going to be a busy last three weeks of school!

Students have been busy this week drafting their fairy tales scene by scene during writer's workshop. The goal is to have a completed draft by next Friday to spend the week of June 5th typing our final drafts. Students' adaptations are very creative. Ask your child to story tell their version. The more they act out or story tell their versions, the easier they can write them.

Next week we will not have a spelling or grammar packet. We will be spending our remaining time in reading focusing on fables, poetry, and reading skills. One last spelling packet will go out the week of June 5th.

Next week, we explored animal life cycles. We will be comparing the life stories of different animals and discovered that although animal lives can be very different, all kinds of animals are born, grow, have babies, and eventually die.

You can help your child stay curious about the life cycle by noticing how living creatures around you change over time. Look at old pictures of your child, friends, or family, and notice how they've grown. Watch a live stream video of baby animals (like this one: <https://explore.org/livecams/currently-live/>) and discuss what's different and the same about growing up as a human, bird, puppy, or other animal. Have fun!

Our wonderful room parents have a fantastic end-of-the-year picnic planned for Monday, June 12th. We will be leaving school at 10 am for Hickman Park. Students will get to play games, eat delicious food and celebrate a wonderful year. We know you have all been contacted about this. Your child is coming home with a permission slip today. Please return it to school next week.

The library is having it's annual end of the year book sale. Used books are 25 cents and new books are \$1.00. Students may shop during recesses starting Thursday June 1st through Friday June 9th.

The last food drive of the year begins next week. The time from June until November is the longest span between food drives. Let's fill the food locker and help those in our community over the summer. More information will be coming about what they need specifically. We hope our classrooms are filled with bags of food before June 9th.

IMPORTANT DATES

5/25 - Spring Concert - 6:30 pm - **STUDENTS MUST BE IN THEIR CLASSROOMS BY 6 PM**

5/26 - 5/29 - NO SCHOOL - FUNDRAISING DAY OFF AND MEMORIAL DAY

5/30 - 6/9 **FOOD DRIVE ~ LET'S FILL THE FOOD LOCKER FOR THE SUMMER**

6/1 -2 - Dia Del Niño (Children's Day)

6/9 - **All service hour forms are due.** MYP Service Day

6/12 - Baccalaureate Mass - 9:30 am - Reception to follow 8th Grade Graduation -7:00pm

6/15 - Field Day / Moving Up Assembly - NOON DISMISSAL

6/16 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 9:30 All School Mass 10:30 am DISMISSAL

Enjoy the long weekend,

Susan Smith and Valerie Sheehan