

Dear Parents,

With an optimistic tone, it seems that spring has at last made its appearance. Spirit Week has proven to be a delightful experience, and the students have showcased remarkable creativity.

We hope you are busy helping your child work on their state floats. On Toddle, you can find a fact sheet about each state (let us know if your child's state sheet is missing). The parade of floats is on Wednesday, May 1st. The rubric for the float is attached to the information sheet but can also be found on Toddle.

Recently, we started studying where our daily items come from. We discussed items I brought from my house and where they were made. This taught us about imports and exports and sparked our interest in global trade.

For homework, I asked the students to find items at home and check where they were made—either in other countries or in the United States.

In the next class, each student shared about two items they found interesting. They picked one to mark on a world map. We were amazed to see how many different countries make the things we use every day. This made the students eager to learn about the states they are studying.

So, we began researching these states. We looked at the main and unique things they export and what they import. This research has taught us a lot.

Next week, the children will start a new project using what they learned about imports, exports, and important foods for their state. They will create a food truck and menu, create a business plan, and then shop at each other's trucks during our Food Truck Festival.

ELA time is very busy! In reading, the children are reading a nonfiction book about their state and create a state book report. Students will be finishing up their informational books about their Native American tribe. Chapters have been written, and now students are creating a book using Book Creator. Books will be due Wednesday, April 24th. Your child will share their books with you at conferences. Due to the shortened week, we will not have either spelling or grammar next week.

Students have been busy getting ready for their conferences, and we look forward to seeing you all next week. We will be locking the conference sign-up on Saturday, so if you haven't had a chance to sign up please do so today. [link](#)

Important Dates

4/20 - Gala Auction

4/22-30 - **Book Fair (open during conferences!) flyer is attached**

4/25 & 4/26 - Student-led Conferences

(No classes scheduled so that students and parents can attend in-person conferences)

4/27 - First Communion (10:00 am)

5/1 - STATE FLOATS/SUITCASES DUE

5/15 - Archbishop Etienne visiting

5/15 - Crowning of Mary in the Parish Center (10:30 am) (New date!)

5/22 - Spring Concert (6:30-7:30 pm)

We hope to see you at the auction,

Susan Smith and Valerie Sheehan