

The Kindergarten Chronicle

May 2015



Dates to Remember:

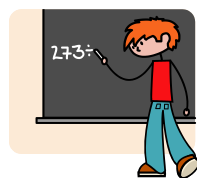
May 11-14– Scholastic Book Fair

May 14 - Art Show

May 15– Meeting for Teachers– no School

May 18 - Victoria Day
-no school

May 30-Ford Event



Math

In May, we will finish our unit on the numbers 6 to 10. At the beginning of the month, our emphasis will be on counting and creating sets of 10, and on exploring combinations of 10 (4 and 6, 3 and 7, 5 and 5, etc.). We will also be using 10 frames to show numbers to 10. We will review the partners of 5, as well as practice printing the numbers up to 10 correctly. We will also begin our unit on measurement. The children will be comparing the height, length, capacity, and mass of two objects.

Things you can do at home to support our learning this month:

- Practice the combinations for 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.
- Compare the lengths of family member's shoes. Line up the heel of each shoe on a baseline to tell which shoes are longer and which ones are shorter.

Language Arts



In May, we will focus on the following areas:

Speaking and Listening

We will continue to work on asking questions. Our focus is on the 5 W questions-Who? What? Where? When? and Why? We are also working on listening attentively when others speak and the proper way to interrupt, if needed.

Reading and Viewing

We will continue to learn and practice reading strategies in our small guided reading groups.

As the students demonstrate their independence with their reading

and begin to explore more challenging books, we begin to focus on self correcting to help them improve their accuracy. When we teach self-correction we focus on three main areas:

- Does it look right?
- Does it sound right?
- Does it makes sense?

Writing and Representing

In Writer's Workshop, we will be continuing to work on Small Moment stories. There will be a strong emphasis on adding more details. The children will be encouraged to write their stories so that someone else can read them. In other words, they are being

encouraged to record all the sounds they hear in each word, use the word wall to spell familiar words and leave spaces between their words.

Things you can do at home to support your child's growth in literacy:

~Have your child read to you everyday. Encourage your child to use the reading strategies he/she has learned at school.

~Continue to brainstorm with your child about simple everyday things that he/she can write about during Writer's Workshop time.

~ Encourage your child to write as often as possible - letters, notes, lists, stories, messages... The possibilities

You and Your World

This month the children will learn about safety:

- Safety at home
- Safety at school
- Safety in the neighborhood
- Safety at play
- Personal safety