

Don't worry that your children never listen to you -  
Worry that they are always watching you.

- *Robert Fulgham*

**\* The Kindergarten News \*  
for the week of 4 / 26 / 21**

- Theme – Birds
- Introduce – Consonant Digraphs / Sight Words – if, now, then & bad
- Expressive Vocabulary – **likelihood** – *the condition or quality of being expected*  
**moderate** – *not too much, not too little, neither extreme*
- Bits of Intelligence – Great Art Masterpieces
- Proverb – “April showers bring May flowers”

**Language Arts**

This week the students will be introduced to the consonant digraphs ch, sh, th and wh. We will learn that a consonant digraph is two consonants that together stand for one sound, as in the words **ch**ease, **sh**ee**p**, **th**in or **wh**ite. We will continue to review the s, r and l blends, words with long i and our contractions as well. The boys and girls will also begin rehearsal for our upcoming End of the Year Program and Graduation ceremony. This year the students are proud to present *A Soup Opera* by Jim Gill. It is a delightful musical adaptation from a book about a man, a bowl of soup, and the man's comically frustrating quest to eat it! Roles will be assigned and the children will start the task of memorizing their lines. Because our practice will take up some of our class time, you may see a decrease in the number of beginner readers your student brings home each week.

**Math & Science**

Our unit on birds concludes this week as we continue to learn about backyard birds. Last week, we discussed the robin, blue jay and cardinal. This week we will learn about the goldfinch, black capped chickadee and Baltimore oriole. The kids are really enjoying this unit and discovering what type of call each bird has, its diet and of course, its coloring and identifying characteristics! We'll close the unit by creating a page for our journals about our favorite bird. Our work on telling time to three-quarters past the hour and fractions with a numerator greater than one will continue as well, as does our review of money and addition and subtraction. There is also exciting news to share about our caterpillars that we received last week! They have made their chrysalides and will be transferred into their special butterfly cage. Hopefully, by the end of this week or the beginning of next week, the students will be proud parents of five beautiful Painted Lady butterflies! Stay tuned...

**Important Dates**

April 30 ..... Art Day / Shh! It's a Mother's Day surprise  
May 3 ..... Kindergarten Graduation pictures  
(remember to fill out & return the info sheet that was sent home last week)  
May 17 – May 21 ..... First Grade Readiness Testing of all students  
(it is imperative students attend this week of school and arrive by 9:00 am so that testing can begin shortly thereafter)

*Please remember students should arrive to school by 8:45 am as class starts promptly at 9:00 am. Thank you.*