

Learning is not a spectator sport.

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*** The Kindergarten News *
for the week of 4 / 12 / 21**

- Theme – Spring / Insects
- Introduce – Contractions with is, are and am / Sight Words – people, brother, sister & baby
- Expressive Vocabulary – **determined** – *showing fixed purpose or intent; firm*
elite – *choice or most carefully selected of the group*
- Bits of Intelligence – Insects
- Manners – “Be considerate if someone is sick”, “Be polite and kind even if you don't like something”

Language Arts

Our work with contractions expands this week to include contractions with is, are and am – such as he's, it's, we're, you're, they're and I'm. We will continue to review the L blends that we learned about last week as well as review words that contain the long a sound. Last week, we learned about silent e and the power it has to make the vowel in the middle of a word have a long sound. This week, we will discuss the “*when two vowels go walking, the first does the talking*” rule, as seen in the words rain, plain and gain. The class will also enjoy playing a fun game called Memory Stretcher. In this exercise, the students must listen to a series of words then repeat the words back to me. It sounds easy enough except that the amount of words to repeat will increase with each round we play!

Math & Science

Our insect theme continues. Last week, we learned not only how to tell the difference between bugs and insects, but also began discussing a few in particular, namely the praying mantis, grasshopper and a variety of beetles. This week our discussion will focus on the life span of the butterfly, the common housefly, bees, and the hardworking ant. We will close our unit by completing a page for our journals about what bug we would like to catch and making a bug feeder to hang outside our classroom window. The boys and girls will spend quite a bit of time using the tens frames to help count and order to twenty and also working on addition and subtraction. This week we will learn to identify fact families for sums and minuends of 9.

Important Dates

April 16 Art Day /-A Butterfly's Life craft

*The kindergarten students will be taking their first grade readiness test
during the week of May 17th.*

It is imperative that students attend this week of school,
so please mark your calendars. Thank you.