

*"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 / 25 / 22

- **Theme** – Birds
- **Introduce** – Sight Words: if, now, then & bad / Consonant Digraphs
- **Expressive Vocabulary** – **indignant** – *filled with anger about something unfair; wrong, or bad*
junction – *a place where things meet or cross*
- **Bits of Intelligence** – Sea Creatures
- **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 **cheese**, **sheep**, **thin** or **white**. Additionally, we will continue to review the “S”, “R” and “L” blends, words that contain a long i sound and our contractions. The boys and girls will also enjoy playing a new language game this week called *What's On My Mind?*. For this game, one child will be selected to wear a special crown with a picture of a random object paper clipped to it. The rest of the class will then have to give the crown wearer clues about the object, **without** saying the name of it. The fun is in listening to the guesses the crown wearer makes and tallying how many clues are needed before they guess correctly! This is a great way for the children to enhance their listening & thinking skills and it helps build their vocabulary too!

Math / Science

Our unit on birds concludes this week as we continue to learn about more backyard birds. Last week we discussed the robin, cardinal, blue jay and chickadee. This week we will learn about the goldfinch, Baltimore oriole and hummingbird. The students 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 will close out our 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.

Important Dates

April 29 Art Day / Shhhh! It's a Mother's Day surprise
April 29 Kindergarten Graduation pictures
May 16 – 20 Readiness Testing for First Grade
(It is imperative students attend this week of school and arrive by 9:00 am, as testing will begin shortly thereafter)
June 2 Kindergarten End of the Year Program & Graduation Ceremony
(Each student has been given a speaking part, please let me know if your child will not be able to attend so that their role can be reassigned.)

Your student is welcome to bring a lightweight jacket or sweater to keep in their cubby to wear outside for when the afternoon temperatures are warmer than in the morning.