

Friday, May 7, 2010

Dear Parents:

I cannot believe there are only 28 days of school left! We have finished the second week of our thematic unit on plants. Your child should know and be able to tell you the 4 things plants need to grow (water, light, air, and soil). He/she should also be able to tell you and draw the main parts of a plant (roots, stem, leaves, and flower). They also learned that many plants grow from seeds. We planted seeds this week and we are observing them daily. You might consider planting some seeds in a clear cup or creating a small garden at home.

Our Teacher Read Aloud story was Blueberries For Sal. The Big Book was Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up The Wash. The Kinder Friends Book was In My Garden. The Barbara Saul book was Favorite Flowers. The Social Science link book was Spring Jobs. The Phonics Library book story was Ben. Your child should have brought home many little books to add to their library.

Today, your child should have brought home a package containing a Mother's Day card and gift that they made. If your child does not have a mother, he/she can give it to whomever they wish. Also included in the package is a Mother's Day Cookbook that each student contributed to. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did writing down their "recipes".

I turned progress reports into the office and they should have been mailed out. Please review the report, fill out and return the bottom section to school as soon as possible. This is the only way I have of verifying that you saw your child's progress report.

We had a very successful kindergarten visitation day on May 1. It was fun to see the prospective kindergarten students. They were so little! If you have a child entering kindergarten next year or know someone who is planning to send his or her child to kindergarten in the South Bay Union School District next year, be sure to register him or her soon. There's information about kindergarten registration on the school's web page or you can get packets from the school office.

The EXPLORE after school program has been conducting sign-ups for next year. Please be aware that if your child was in the after school program this year, they are NOT automatically enrolled for next year. You will need to reenroll them. Space is limited so please do not delay in enrolling for the after school program next year.

We will be going on a long walking field trip through Sequoia Park Tuesday, June 1. Be sure that your child wears play-type clothes, no dresses or sandals please. I am still looking for chaperones. If you can accompany us, please let me know before Friday, May 28.