



2023 NEWSLETTER

MAY Memories, Mothers, MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

We continue to welcome SPRING with May flowers, showers and changing weather.

Our Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Program has enlivened our sessions with the voices of laughter, enthusiasm, and the sometime frustration of our eager beavers. Their elder counterparts have been working with TK and helping them out. It complements our Leadership Development Initiative which allows our Lower Elementary students to sharpen their own skills, practice social interaction skills, and establish camaraderie with the TK. So far, we have seen very positive results which replicate our own success over the past years when we launched the TK program. We thank all our parents and guardians for the support, encouragement, and trust you have given us for this initiative.

We also witnessed the success of our TRIKE-A-THON/BIKE-A-THON last April 28. It has been a long road back for our school, and this major outdoor event was full of fun, high energy enlivened by snow cones, fruit energizers, and uplifting music. We will continue this landmark tradition and we are sure you will always be there to support our efforts. We were all winners as we had a great workout, enjoying the sun and light breeze.

Our first week is STAR WARS WEEK, and we encourage our parents to join in the worldwide celebration leading up to MAY 4th, as we channel the FORCE, and warmly intone, MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU. You may have your student come in Star Wars themed outfits, bring related books, materials and characters or figures this Universe. Light saber toys (properly labelled) are welcome starting Wednesday, March 3 as we have our regular Wednesday Workout. Of course, SHOW AND TELL FRIDAY might be a chance to channel and awaken the Force with a New Hope, as the Empire Strikes Back at the past pandemic woes and we witness the Return of the Jedi.

Our Second Week will feature another welcome outdoor adventure, our Field Trip to Marshall's Honey Farm on Wednesday. We will be glad to have you join us, celebrate Nature and feel the buzz this May 10.

MAY also marks our continuing efforts in POETRY as we work our personal masterpieces of Rhyme and Rhythm. We encourage you to sit down and engage your student in spoken word poetry, many available online and even in playlists of songs our students love and enjoy. These activities will also work around themes for the month, celebrating Filipino Asian American and Pacific Islander Month.

We are also fortunate to have a volunteer artist, Ms. Yolanda Fernandez, share acoustic sessions with our students playing her acoustic guitar and singing well-loved classic songs. This complements our Wednesday Workouts during our Circle Time. However, we have a welcome outdoor field trip as we buzz around Marshall's Honey Farm here in American Canyon. Just like our Pumpkin Patch Adventure last October, we look forward to your full support as always.

We encourage you to GET CAUGHT READING with your student, as we celebrate the joy of the experience, browsing through favorites and familiars, with new and exciting adventures. We have started in DETECTIVE WORK, as our kids try to solve puzzles and mazes, or mystery games.

MOM, you are the star for this Month. We have surprises for all of you, and we hope you will love them.



DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1-5 — Teacher Appreciation Week

May 10 — Field Trip to Marshall's Honey Farm

May 22-26 — Parent-Teacher Conferences

May 29 — Memorial Day — No School



LANGUAGE ARTS, READING PHONICS, HANDWRITING

Continuing Grammar, Punctuation, Completing Sentences with proper Capitalization

Proper Plural Nouns, Compound Words

Phonemes, Mastery of Short Vowel Sounds, Introducing Long Vowel Sounds, Special Sounds

Mastery of Upper-Case Letters, Practice Lower Case Letters Integrated with Handwriting

Continuing Cursive, First Letter Names Capitalization

Creative Writing integrating the themes from April and for May (POETRY, POET TREE)

Reading Comprehension, Story Summary, Revising, Story Book Plotting

Get Caught Reading Dates



MATH, SCIENCE

Multiplication Tables Practice

Introduction, Mastery of Operations (Addition, Subtraction)

Geometry (Shapes and Figures), Introduction to Measurement

Introduction of Roman Numerals integrated with Social Studies History Lessons

Mastery for Counting (Twos, Fives, Tens) in their Place Values

Telling Time, Introduction Mastery

Continuing Currency

BIRDS and their HABITAT Integrated with Social Studies, Visual Arts, Handwriting

SOCIAL STUDIES

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL, The FIFTY STATES, Introduction to Features of California: Our Home State

Features on PRESIDENTS of the United States and Heroes, Defenders of Our Flag and Heritage

FEATURED CONTINENT: ASIA, Magic and Mystery



ARTS, MUSIC, VISUAL ARTS

Continuing Art Experiences for Past and Present Featuring Amphibians, Reptiles, and Birds

Integrated to Music, Chanting and Spoken Poetry, Featured Song: Imagine Dragons – BELIEVER

Continuing Patriotic Songs (Introduction to TK), The Star-Spangled Banner, America the Beautiful

Basic and Advanced Lettering, Book Design, Integrated with Language and Handwriting