

One mother teaches more than a thousand teachers.  
- *Japanese Proverb*

**\* The Kindergarten News \*  
for the week of 5 / 3 / 21**

- Theme – Seeds and Plants
- Introduce – Words with long u
- Expressive Vocabulary – **opinion** – *belief based on what a person thinks or feels, not what is proved or known to be true*  
**qualm** – *1) feeling that something is wrong or bad  
2) a feeling of doubt or uneasiness*
- Bits of Intelligence – Great Art Masterpieces

**Language Arts**

The students will continue to practice for our End of the Year Program and Graduation ceremony. Our rehearsals having been going very well and the children are doing a fine job on learning their speaking parts. I am quite confident that this will be one of the kindergarten's best performances yet! Please remember that we begin practice shortly after our morning begins, so it is important that students arrive no later than 9:00 am. Also, if your child won't be able to attend our show on the evening of May 27<sup>th</sup>, please let me know so their part can be reassigned. Despite our busy week, we will have time to study words that have a long u sound. We will discover that the long u sound is created when a silent "e" appears at the end of a word that has a "u" in the middle (as in tube) or when the vowels "ui" appear together (as in suit). We will also review our digraphs, blends and contractions.

**Math & Science**

The class will begin a new unit on seeds and plants this week. We will learn that a plant is any living thing that is not an animal. We will also discuss what plants give us, how seeds grow and how to identify the different parts of a plant. Our theme table will become host to quite the variety of planting experiments as we try our hand at sprouting beans, rooting a sweet potato and growing a carrot top. We will make predictions about and see what happens when flowers are deprived of sunlight and/or water. A fun seed sorting activity will have us guessing which seeds are for eating and which seeds are not for eating. Lastly, the boys girls will continue to practice their addition and subtraction, telling time, money identification and measurement.

**Important Dates**

May 3 ..... Kindergarten Graduation pictures  
May 3 – 7 ..... Spirit Week  
(Mon – write a nice note to your teacher / Tue - super hero or princess day / Wed – hat day  
Thu – wear your favorite team's sports gear / Fri – pajama day)  
May 7 ..... finish Mother's Day projects from last week  
May 17 – May 21 ..... First Grade Readiness Testing  
May 27 ..... End of the Year Program and Graduation Ceremony  
(6:30 pm / on the school playground)

*Please label the tags of your child's jackets with their name or initials. This will make it easier to identify the owner should the jacket be misplaced. Thank you!*