

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

## \* The Kindergarten News \*

for the week of 4 /29/ 24

Theme — Seeds and Plants

Introduce — Words with long o

Expressive Vocabulary — kaleidoscope — anything that constantly changes in pattern.

Likelihood — the condition or quality of being expected.

### Language Arts

The students will continue to practice for our End of the Year Program and Graduation ceremony. Our rehearsals have been going very well, and the children are doing a fine job learning their special parts. Also, if your child will not be attending our show on the evening of May 29<sup>th</sup>, please let me know so we can make adjustments. Despite our busy week, we will have time to study words with a long o sound. We will discover that the long o sound is created when a silent "e" appears at the end of a word that has an o in the middle (as in joke), when the vowels "oa" appear together (as in boat) or when the word ends with the letters "oe" or "ow" (as in toe and grow). We will also review our digraphs, blends, and contractions.

### Math & Science

I am pleased to announce that we have an exciting addition to our kindergarten coming soon — six live creeping, crawling caterpillars! The children will get to enjoy watching them move, feed, and grow, grow, grow! This week, the class will also start a new unit on seeds and plants. We will learn that a plant is any living thing that is not an animal. We will discuss what plants give us, how seeds grow, and how to identify the different parts of a plant. We will also make predictions about and see what happens when flowers are deprived of sunlight and/or water. We will continue reviewing tens and ones and numbers 1-20 in math.

### Important Dates

May 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Teacher Appreciation Week!

May 12<sup>th</sup> – Happy Mother's Day! Wishing all of our moms a very special day!

May 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> - Readiness Testing for First Grade

(Students must attend this week of school and arrive by 9:00 am, as testing will begin shortly after that)

May 29<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten End of the Year Program & Graduation Ceremony