

May 10th, 2019

Dear Room 5 Parents,

Hello! First & foremost I want to thank you all so much for an amazing Teacher Appreciation Week! Words cannot express how thankful I feel to work with your children and the Plato family each day! You guys have made me feel so appreciated since I started and especially this week! Thank you for taking the time to have your child make cards and send in kind things! I appreciate it so much! I hope you all had a wonderful week too! We had a fun week “driving into room 5”! ☺



Community Building!

The transportation theme in our room has continued to be a big hit. The kids have been having so much fun playing and learning with different types of vehicles and adding to our “Transportation Word Wall”. We continue to work as a team. The kids are still very excited to be watering & observing our classroom plant!



Our class has also been working very hard the last two weeks on a special Mother’s Day surprise. On the left is a sneak peak of the wrapped surprises! Please ask your child about this on Sunday! I promised them I would not use the pictures that include our surprises in our newsletter until next week, so I don’t spoil anything, so keep an eye out for those next week! They are very excited and they turned out so wonderful! I hope you guys enjoy them! I also want to wish all you Mom’s a very Happy Mother’s Day! I hope you each get to feel celebrated this weekend!

Our class has also been taking turns saying the pledge each morning as school is starting. Ms. Maria also provides a joke for them to say & they’ve been having a lot of fun with it! Everyone has had at least one turn & since we get to do this again next week each kiddo will have at least two turns!

We have continued observing our new pets each day. The kids have continued adding to their “Sea Monkey Observations Booklet” by drawing a picture and writing the observation word we come up with.

The caterpillars in our butterfly garden have grown tremendously! The kids have been having fun noticing these changes. We will continue to watch them grow & change! They are slowly starting to cocoon themselves, we’ll see how much they change over the weekend!

Literacy!

This week’s short story favorite would have to be “When I Grow Up”. Be sure to ask your child about it! We continued with our classroom novel called, “Nim’s Island”. With all our surprises this week we haven’t been able to read it everyday, but we’ve had fun with it when we do! Students have continued to draw pictures that represent something happening in the book while I am reading. We are still having fun listening to the summaries of the text.

Math & Science!

We continue to work on our morning questions using “transportation words”. Be sure to look out for them and ask your child about them! Students are getting better and better each day with writing, discussing, counting, reading and representing the data. I am so proud of them, this past month they’ve shown so much growth! You’ll notice the tally marks are getting better too! If you practice with your child, we say the 5th tallmark gives a hug.

The kids have continued working hard on their calendars and they seem excited about it! They have started reading calendar words (i.e. May, today, yesterday, tomorrow, & the days of the week). I also brought in race tracks that are numbers the kids have been enjoying playing with those. Some students even put them in order!

The students continue to have opportunities each day to build with blocks and play board games to enhance their engineering, numeracy and strategic thinking skills!

Music!

In music, we have continued to practice our classroom’s end of the year song. It’s, “Upside Down” by Jack Johnson, from the Curious George soundtrack. We will of course be singing our song a little each day in the classroom. ☺ Here is a link to the music video:

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqUdl4AIDF0>

With lyrics: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrSNT9B7ZA8>

The end of the year song they are singing in Spanish is “Hecho con tus sueños”.

Here is a link to this music video:

<https://youtu.be/TCKMuBk8DTM>

Quick Reminders for Room 5!

Tuesdays: Library day

Wednesdays: Bank day

We are still collecting box tops so send those any time!

Please do not send toys from home with your child. We have plenty to play with in our classroom!

Thanks again for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation week!

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend & a Happy Mother’s Day! Enjoy some pictures from our week below.

Love, Ms. Katlyn



