

May 17th, 2019

Dear Room 5 Parents,

Hello! We had a fun week “driving into room 5”! ☺ I hope you each had a wonderful week too! I can’t believe we only have 9 days of school left!



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”. They even built some extra vehicles they are now able to play with. We continue to observe our plant out front which, though at one point we observed a speck of green, with all the rain we don’t see it anymore! We are lucky our class plant is next to the front office plant, which we have watched sprout!

Our class has started working very hard to build a garbage truck! We read, “Trashy Town”, which is a great book. In the book, the main character, Mr. Gilly, is a garbage truck driver. He collects all the trash, and sings a great tune after he picks up cans. We sang it & put hand motions to it, Ms. Filisa even showed the kids a digital version! The tune is, “dump it in, smash it down, drive around the trashy town”. So as a class we decided to build a garbage truck so we could take turns being Mr. Gilly! This has been a great way to really focus on teamwork and creating something together!

Our class had a lot of fun with saying the pledge & morning joke each morning this week too!

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. They are so much fun to watch swim!

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 chrysalis themselves, we’ll see how much they change over the weekend! We should have butterflies soon!

Literacy!

This week’s short story favorite would have to be “Trashy Town”. Be sure to ask your child about it! We continued with our classroom novel called, “Nim’s Island”. We have 5 chapters left and are working hard to finish reading it before the year ends! 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 and I am sending a set of them home Monday! We added the end of the year countdown to our graphs & students started practicing signing in with their last names! 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).

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=dqUdI4AIDF0>

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!

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend! Enjoy some pictures from our week & Mother's Day crafting below!

Love, Ms. Katlyn







