

May 3rd, 2019

Dear Room 5 Parents,

Hello! I hope you all had a wonderful week! We had a fun short week “driving into room 5”! ☺



### **Community Building!**

As of Wednesday, May 1st, we officially converted our ocean themed classroom into a transportation themed classroom! The kids have been having so much fun playing and learning with different types of vehicles the last few days. We continue to work as a team. We spotted a green sprout in our plant, and have had to dump water out of it a few times this week because of the rain! The kids are still very excited to be watering & observing the plant!

This week, we purified the water in the Sea Monkeys tanks & put their eggs in! We have been observing our new pets each day. The kids have been filling out an observation journal with a quick picture and observation word we come up with together. A special thanks to Ms. Bridget who allows our Sea Monkeys space on her window so they can get the sunlight they need to grow. :)

We also just received a classroom butterfly garden! We read Eric Carle's, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" book and introduced our new classroom friends today! So many scientific observations are happening in room 5! What a fun way it has been to celebrate spring & end the year strong!

### **Literacy!**

This week's short story favorite would have to be "Dig" or "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". Be sure to ask your child about them! We continued with our classroom novel called, "Nim's Island". 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.

The kids have finished writing "I see a..." books with their ocean words! I hope you saw those come home Thursday with their "All About Me" books! They were so excited to be reading them. They each had opportunities to read them to me, themselves and their peers! If you haven't already, make sure to have your child read their books to you! They turned out so well! :)

We also had a very impromptu special visit at the library this week! The library has hatched caterpillars into butterflies and created a very special dramatic play area. So while we were checking out books for the week, the kiddos got to try on some butterfly wings & look at the butterflies in the tank! They had a lot of fun doing this! Ms. Steph from the library came by Thursday too for another wonderful visit & read and danced with our class. She is wonderful and the kids had a lot of fun with her too!

### **Math & Science!**

We continue to work on our morning questions and have started using "transportation words" instead of "ocean words", to go with our new theme. I sent the last of the "ocean word" bar graphs home today. 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.

With the start of a new month and so much interest in the calendar, I gave each kiddo their very own calendar on May 1st. They were able to figure out why we needed to write the number 5 to represent May on their own as a class and have been filling in the day number on their new calendars each morning after they check in. They seem excited about it!

We had another successful bank trip.

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!

Thanks for a wonderful week!

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend! Enjoy some pictures from our week below.

Love, Ms. Katlyn





