



Kindergarten News

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Kindergarten Farewell

As the end of the year fast approaches, soon children will fill their backpacks with memories of laughter and snack time as they head out into the warmth of summer ... wiser, I hope ... stronger, I'm sure!

I'll pack up my special thoughts to enjoy and contemplate throughout the summer! These are good times and reflective times ... 38 years in Kindergarten have given me many wonderful memories and the changes in recent years have provided me with great opportunities for growth!

This reflective time provides the opportunity to look back as well as ahead. What have we (children, parents and teachers) learned from the journeys of the past year and how can we use these experiences to make future learning more exciting, powerful and effective?

During the past ten months of the kindergarten program, I have attempted to challenge children to be the best that they can be ... to facilitate their learning process ... to nurture their growth in all developmental areas ... to encourage them to develop into respectful young people ... and to share responsibility with parents for the education of "our" students.

I thank you for the privilege of having these opportunities. As I prepare to reflect on the past year and plan for the upcoming ones, I hope that I can feel that there has been positive outcome in all our lives.

Please take a few moments to reflect on your child's year in my classroom. There is a parent questionnaire included with this newsletter. I'd appreciate your input.

UpComing Events

Next week, we will have our "pet" show and share. If you plan on bringing in a pet, please contact me so that you can be added to our schedule. Children may also bring in photographs, drawings, or pet materials to share with their classmates during the week.

Remember, we will be having "lunch in the cafeteria" on Friday, June 18th ... chicken nuggets, tater tots, baby carrots, fruit or juice and milk. In order to accommodate the schedule of the cafeteria staff, the AM class is eating at the end of their morning while the PM class is eating soon after arriving at school. You may wish to plan a light lunch or just a snack for your child on that date.

On Friday, June 18th kindergartners will also have a tour of the first grade rooms. I've set up a "First Grade Faces" picture display in our room so that children can become familiar with the members of the grade one team since children will encounter these staff members during lunch, recess, bus call and in the "B-wing" hallway.

Our last day of school is Tuesday, June 22nd. There is an early closing on that day. Morning class students will attend school from 8:30 to 10:40 and afternoon class is from 11:00 to 1:10. Students will not need snack on that day ... we will be having special treats to end this year.

On the last day of school, students will be bringing home their memory boxes and report cards

Parents' Corner

Please be sure that you've returned your child's literacy bag and books. Some of the books haven't been back in some time. I'd like to collect and sort through them by the end of next week. If you have lost your book, please continue to look for it over the summer months and return it in the fall. Most of the books belong to sets that we use in our classroom so I'd really appreciate having every one back. Thanks to all family members who worked with kindergartners this year to build literacy skills.

This will be the last newsletter of kindergarten '10. Thank you for your support, encouragement, suggestions, patience and kindness during this school year. I truly count you all as friends ... your generosity during this past year have proven to me how blessed I am with your friendship ... happy summer to everyone! Thanks for the memories ...

Fondly,
Terry