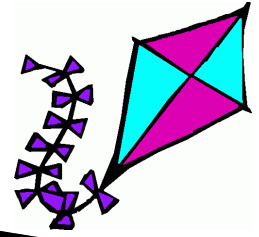


JUNE NEWSLETTER

Our final month of school has arrived...where did the time go? We have a fun and busy month planned. We will be going to the zoo and having a special Play Day for primary students! Report cards will go home the last week of school.



Vivi's Adventures Continue!

Our class has been taking excellent care of Vivi, the teddy bear visiting our class from Taiwan. Students are taking turns bringing her about it on our class blog. Please check the website regularly to keep updated on Vivi's adventures! Students are encouraged to share comments on the blog and interact with the students from Taiwan.



Donations Much Appreciated

Thank you very much for all of the generous donations of supplies for could still use a few more boxes of Kleenexes to make it through the year.

We're Going to the Zoo!

Our class wrote some very convincing persuasive letters to Mr. Brownlee ex-



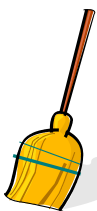
plaining why they thought we should go to the zoo for a fieldtrip. He agreed and we will be going to the Elmvale Zoo and Springwater park on Wednesday, June 13th! We will learn about animals to help us with our science unit and report writing!

Library Books and Book Orders

All library books are due back by June 12th. Our final book order is due on June 11th. There are some great deals on books for summer reading!

June 2012
Ms. Ferguson

- P.A. Day June 8
- Scholastic Orders Due June 11
- Library Books Due June 12
- Zoo Fieldtrip June 13
- Primary Play Day June 26
- Report Cards Go Home June 26
- Last Day of School June 28



Spring Cleaning!

As we approach the end of the school year I will be sending home a lot of your child's work from over the year. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to review with your child and ask him/her to discuss what he/she has learned. Please make sure that agendas come to school each day so that we can be sure you get all of the important work and notices that are sent home.

Portfolios

Your child has continued to collect some of his/her best work from over the year in a portfolio. We use these portfolios to reflect on our learning and plan our goals for improvement. Please send in any work or special accomplishments your child would like to put in his/her portfolio. They will be sent home at the end of the year as a celebration of students' learning.





What Are We Learning In June?



Math: Money, Fractions and Probability

We review coins daily during calendar, but we will be spending some time this month talking about the names and values of coins and practicing how to count **money** amounts and calculate change. We will be creating a store in the class-room to help us learn about money!



We will also be starting to explore basic **fractions** (e.g. one third, one half, etc.). We will talk about fractions of a whole (e.g. one eighth of a pizza) and fractions of a set (e.g. one third of the group of girls has brown hair).



We will be doing some **probability** experiments and activities to help us describe the likelihood that events will occur. We will be able to use some of our knowledge of fractions to help us with this (e.g. when you flip a coin, one half of the time it is likely to be heads). We will get a chance to play with number cubes, coins and spinners in this exciting math unit!

Reading: Finding Important Information

In reading we will be focusing on **finding important information**. This means knowing what the main ideas are and what the author considered important. In fiction stories, finding the important information will help us to retell the story in our own words. In non-fiction texts, finding the important information will help us to gather ideas for writing reports. We will be using sticky notes to help us record the important information in a variety of texts.



Writing: Reports

I am so proud of the progress all students have made with their writing this year! They are using the Success Criteria checklists in the class and feedback from our "Stars and Arrows" conferences to help them make their writing better and better. We will be using our paragraph writing skills to help us write **reports** this month. We will start by writing a report about Canada that we can share on our website with the students in Taiwan, and then students will have the opportunity to write a report about an animal of their choice that they see at the zoo!

Class Website

Remember to check our class website regularly for updates on what we are learning about and fun math and language activities to try at home!

www.msferguson2.weebly.com

Happy Learning!
Ms. Ferguson

