

# Kindergarten News

Kindergarten Team Newsletter

May 2014



Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that our school year will soon be over. We've had a great year here in Kindergarten! Thank you for all of your support and help!

*The Kindergarten Team*

## **Volunteer Reception**

Our Glade Volunteer Reception is Thursday, May 29. This year we are having a luncheon. We invite you to join us at our lunch time 11:35 – 12:05. An invitation was sent home several weeks ago with details about the reception. If you helped out in our classrooms or at our school this year in any way, you are invited to attend this luncheon. Please RSVP to the school office (240-236-2100) to let us know that you are attending. We hope to see all of our volunteers at the luncheon! Please plan to attend!

## **Toys**

Please remember that children are not to bring toys of any kind to school. This includes Pokemon Cards. Thank you for your help in monitoring what your child brings to school.

## **Other Important Dates**

May 9 – Early Dismissal Day – Children are dismissed 2 hours early

May 16 – Field Day

Remember to send your child to school in appropriate play clothes. Kindergartners are to wear dark blue shirts. (Either the one you may have purchased from school or any other blue shirt!) Make sure your child wears sneakers! Your child should bring a water bottle and a hat. Please apply sun block **before** your child comes to school. If you want to send it along, your child may reapply at lunchtime since we will be outside in the morning and in the afternoon. Make sure all items are labeled with your child's name! Thanks!

May 23 – Early Dismissal Day – Children are dismissed 2 hours early

May 26 – No School – Memorial Day

May 30 – Field Trip to Rose Hill Manor – Permission slips with more information will be sent home soon.

## What Can We Do at Home?

### Language Arts Ideas

Here are some activities that you can use to review language arts concepts at home:

- \*Write some sentences using high frequency words and cut the sentences apart. Have your child put each sentence back in order. (It is important that readers see and use the words within context and not just in isolation.)
- \*Have your child write his/her own sentences using high frequency words.
- \*Read books out loud to your child so he/she can hear the language and vocabulary of the text. Have your child practice retelling the story.
- \*Have your child reread stories several times. Rereading texts helps build ease and fluency and students are motivated simply because they can do it.
- \*Help your child to become motivated about school by building confidence. When working on school work at home, make sure to not just focus on skills with which your child struggles but to also work on skills he/she can complete with ease. This will give your child a chance to be successful and will build his/her confidence.

### Math Ideas

#### Let's Count!

Have your child practice counting to 100 by 1's and 10's. Then have your child start at random numbers and count. (Start at 16 and count to 30. Start at 45 and count to 70.) Challenge: Practice counting by 5's and 2's!