

May

TEACHERS' BLOCKS

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Spring is finally here and with it brings the school year coming to a close. At the end of May, we begin to talk about the Good Bye Day. It can be difficult for children to have a sense of time. Here at school some classes make a paper chain, and remove one link each day. This is a visible way to “count down” to the last day of school, and see how many days are left. There is still lots of fun before the last day! We do our best to keep the routine that the children know so well. There are year-ending activities, different in each class, but all the children and teachers are enjoying being together!

Mrs. Young & Ms. Drew

5 day 4-year-olds

May is a very exciting month! Our chicks will hatch May 13th. We are learning all about the farm – we made butter and ice cream too! We will also study insects, the ocean and then we will travel around the world! We are so happy to have guest speakers from all around the world: the Czech Republic, Germany, Argentina, Scotland, Guatemala, Australia and Spain. So much fun! Bike Day and a trip to the beach are on the class take-home calendar. Be looking for more instructions, and ways to help out. Happy Spring!

Mrs. Warren & Mrs. Ross

4 day 4-year-olds

The focus in our classroom has been the start of spring and the changes occurring around us, including weather, plants, animals, and insects. Our caterpillars have arrived and we have been patiently observing them as they begin to grow and change. May is a busy month! Our class Bike Day will be held on Thursday, May 9th with a rain date of Thursday, May 16th. Detailed Bike Day notices will be sent home at the end of the week. Based upon favorable tides, our class trip to North Beach in Hingham will be held on Thursday, May 23rd. We will need volunteers to drive and chaperone during our trip. ***Please note that other arrangements must be made for siblings.*** There will be no rain date for this trip. Look for detailed notes about the North Beach trip in the children’s bags at the beginning of next week and a sign-up sheet posted outside of our classroom for volunteers. The end of our school year is approaching fast. We will begin to revisit many of our favorite activities and enjoy our final weeks together as we get ready to say “good-bye!”

Mrs. Murphy & Mrs. Laine

3 day 3-year-olds

The only thing that makes us happier than saying hello to spring is saying goodbye to the red bags! Please remember to send your child to school each day with a jacket for outdoor play. We have transitioned from our spring unit to our insect unit with a focus on caterpillars and butterflies. The children have been learning about metamorphosis through books, songs and art projects. We have six live caterpillars that we are observing each day. We will watch them, grow, spin chrysalises and emerge as butterflies right before our eyes. Following this unit, we will move into our bear theme which culminates in the always fun teddy bear picnic. More details about this annual event to come!

Mrs. Carroll & Mrs. Christino
3 day 4-year-olds

As our last full month of the school year arrives, we will be doing many exciting things. We continue to watch the caterpillars go through their stages and eagerly await the Painted Ladies which will emerge sometime mid-month. The comments the children are making reveal their curiosity, interest and concern for the six lives in the works. The children have made their own butterflies and they, too, will emerge from their chrysalises on the same day that our real ones do. This month, we will also briefly study ocean life, culminating in a field trip to North Beach in Hingham. A separate letter will be sent out regarding this as we will need drivers and volunteers to accompany us. Another activity that is special to the four- and five-year-old classes is Bike Day. This is one that the children have a blast doing! They will bring their bicycles to school and be able to ride through our empty, closed off parking lot with their classmates. Again, a separate letter will go home giving you all the details. One of the themes that we have stressed and worked on all year is about kindness - teaching and learning the different ways to show it every chance we get. Our "Kindness Counts" poster is filled with hundreds of stickers representing all the kind acts the children have been "caught" doing during the year. It speaks volumes about what they have learned. In May, the children will also learn that it is when we celebrate and honor mothers. Please watch for a special gift coming your way the second week of this month. Finally, as our year comes to an end, we make sure to revisit activities that the children have enjoyed doing during the year, giving them another opportunity to do it again, enjoying the process with their friends.

Mrs. Fox & Mrs. Sweeney
2 day 3-year-olds

Spring is here! It is the perfect time to study butterflies, bugs and the season of spring! All the changes in nature this time of year make for a science classroom all around us. Getting outside and observing nature, the colors, the weather, the growth and simply getting fresh air is so good for this age group! Our caterpillars are starting to make their chrysalises, and we hope to have some butterflies soon! Have you heard our caterpillar song at home and maybe done some butterfly yoga? Next, we will be studying bears, teddy bears and having a teddy bear picnic... information to follow for parent volunteer opportunities. It's hard to believe we will be out of school soon!

Mrs. Carroll & Mrs. Read-Brown
2 day 3-year-olds

Spring is definitely in the air as we continue to work on our butterfly projects and watch the real butterflies in our classroom come to life. It has been exciting for everyone to watch and learn about their process and transformations. The Painted Ladies, as they are known, will stay for just a few short days in the tank enclosure and then we will let them free. During this month, we will briefly study ocean life as beach weather heads our way. More importantly, we will also talk about and celebrate our mothers through a special project. Watch for a very important and heartfelt delivery, Moms, in your child's bag the second week of May. Finally, we will end the month by celebrating what we have done and accomplished all year by revisiting some of our favorite activities. Our year will end with an ice cream sundae party where friends will have an opportunity to reminisce with one another about the time they have spent together before getting ready for summer and next steps.