

June Kindergarten Newsletter

Dates to remember:

- June 3: Spirit Day - Grade Colors (Kinder is **ORANGE**)!
- June 4: 8th Grade Graduation
- June 9: In-School Class Picnic
- June 14: Move up day @ 1:30pm
- June 15: Last Day of School - NOON DISMISSAL

MATH: We are DONE!!!

This week, we will complete our last lesson, learning about money. I will send home the completed workbooks. You may find that there are a few pages that were not finished by your child. These incompletes will have occurred when they were absent. We do not go back and finish pages in class, but you can feel free to work with them on that particular concept and finish any incomplete pages over the summer.

LITERACY: Your children have learned so much! They now know about silent e, when reading you can remind them that the e at the end of the word makes the vowel say it's name. They also know about vowel pairs, ask them how they work! Over the Summer, please have your child continue reading. They work best with small books they can hold in their small hands. Picture books from the library are nice, but nothing beats a leveled reader. These can also be found in the library, or on [Head Sprout](#) or [Ready to Read](#). If you have a printer, it is best to print out the book so they can hold it and read it without a screen. Children like to repeat levels and practice what they know, they also enjoy a small push. The following books are at the level of the majority of our students.

Set 2 or 3 – Bob books

Ready to Read books – Level 1 and 2

I Can Read Books – level 1 or 2

Step into Reading books – Step 2 or higher.

WRITING: I will assign your child a pen pal in class. Please write to one another over the summer, at least once a month. This will encourage friendships and will also help practice handwriting as well as writing structure skills. The majority of the students in our class will be going to school together again next year, though either way, these friendships are a joy to continue given our small community here on Bainbridge Island.

SOCIAL STUDIES: We enjoyed talking about what we want to be when we grow up last month! We are going to continue this the last two weeks of school. The children are so excited to hear about careers and jobs. This is something you can continue to notice in the world around you. The bagger

and checker at the grocery store have jobs. Anywhere we go, we encounter careers and jobs. Remember to talk with your child about these people and their work.

RELIGION: These last few weeks, we will focus on the Spirit of LOVE. We will explore God's love and how we can feel it, share it, and notice it in the world around us. This is something you can continue to do all summer. Random, or not so random, acts of kindness can be a fun fuel to remembering the Religions lessons we learned their year. Taking care of god's creation, animals, plants, and other humans is a central concept for this age group.

ART: We will finish up our art this month with student self-portraits, and also something fun for DAD! This past month and into June, we have been enjoying the return of our standing art table with paint, creation, collaboration, and fun. Children are using the table for art, and also during free choice to get creative and messy! This summer, don't forget to get creative! Chalk drawings, finger paint, water colors, and simply pencil drawings help your child continue their creative thinking and strengthens their fine motor skills as well.

SCIENCE: We planted and planted and planted some more. You should have a sun flower and a pumpkin plant to observe throughout the summer. Please chat with your child about this, it will spark ideas and science exploration! We will finish up a few extra fun science explorations about caterpillars, butterflies, nests, and animal habitats. Checking your own surroundings for animal habitats, birds, squirrels, snakes, and bugs can be lots of FUN!

Summer-WORK: READ WITH YOUR CHILD daily! If you do nothing else, please please read to them and listen to them read to you! Talk with them about stories you read together. Go outside, hike, explore, look for habitats and plants that are new, collect bugs and get messy. Write a letter to a friend or draw together. There is a summer learning grid coming home, check it out and enjoy your time together! This will give you some fun ideas about what you can do with your child to learn and grow together through the summer.