

Mrs. Comeau's Parent note

May-June 2018

Dear Parents,

Wow, has this school year flown by! So much growth, so much learning!!!

First off, I would like to thank you all for attending our Rain Forest Revue. The children really worked hard and learned a great deal. They truly enjoyed your support. I have already started a list of "tweaks" for the next show. (note to self: do not try to show a video in the little gym...cant see it...hmmmm!) If you have suggestions or comments, I would love to hear them. There is always room to grow for us all in our room!

We have a number of events coming up in the next two months. Some are just for the students, and some include parents, if they wish to attend. I will indicate which is which.

Theme:

We started a two week long unit about spring right after vacation. We will be learning about seeds, plant life cycles and what parts of vegetables and fruit do we really eat. We had a blast examining worms and we built a worm farm. Many children have been bringing in veggie/fruit scraps to feed our hungry critters. Fun times! We also have 5 painted lady caterpillars who are growing in leaps and bounds. I expect them to cocoon soon. Stay tuned! The final week of our unit, we will be learning about the lives and loves of honey bees. We will also continue our studies about the life cycles of creatures and look closer at animals that come from eggs.

In mid-May, we engage in a three week long social study unit about our community. We will talk about the people who work in our neighborhoods and what services they provide. We will learn about maps and what they mean. We will be creating our own unique neighborhoods both in map form and as 3D models to help culminate all our studies. On May 24, we will have community helper dress up day. Each child may come to school dressed like someone who works in our neighborhood. (i.e. cop, waitress, vet, nurse, scientist, teacher.) If you get stuck, shoot me an email, maybe I can help. I also have tons of extra costumes, just in case.

As the school year winds down, our final unit will be the ecosystem of the ocean. We will look at the unique levels of ocean life and who lives where and why. We will learn about creatures who live in shells. Children will engage in teaching each other about an ocean creature of choice and make a 3D model.

The final two weeks of school will consist of "special days". For example, we will immerse ourselves in 2 full days learning about space. (note: we will be "traveling" to the moon on the second day, but will "return" in time for the bus!) We will also spend two days in prehistoric times with dinosaurs. On our last Friday together, we will make a variety of games (including a board game) to help us practice our skills over the summer. (there is a supply list which I will note further down in this parent note AND I will send reminders). On our final (sob!) week, we have a surprise for that Monday, and on Tuesday, (our last day- which is a half day) we will celebrate Kindergarten day!