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Important Dates:

June 1: Memory Lane Concert
June 2: Memory Lane Concert
June 3: Field Day
June 14: Grade 8 Graduation
June: 14-18: 12:00 dismissal
June 18: Last Day of School

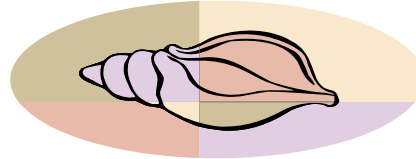


We are down to our final days of school. As I watch the children, I am aware of how much they have grown since September. I feel that they are ready to move on to grade 2.



The children are continuing to read in their reading anthology. The children have enjoyed the various themes presented in this anthology. Our latest theme, Being Afraid, has many great stories.

We are working on the math chapter on geometry and we will finish our chapter on time and money. Telling time and counting money can be difficult concepts for the children to understand, however they are easy for the children to practice at home. You can give the children a handful of change and have them count it for you. The more they practice the better they get. They should be able to read time to the hour and the half-hour. This can also be practiced at home simply by asking them to tell you the time. We will also be introducing the concept of measurement. Keep practicing the addition and subtraction facts through 12. The children should be able to know these facts without relying on their fingers.



The children have done well learning about different parts of speech. We have talked about nouns, pronouns, verbs, and adjectives. They continue to practice their writing skills while remembering to use correct capitalization and punctuation. We have learned to use wrap around writing when creating our own stories. This means that the children write in story form about one topic instead of writing individual sentences.



We will continue with our spelling words until the last week of school.

The children have learned how to work independently while enjoying working in learning centers. One of their favorite centers was our listening center.



In Religion, we have been learning about being part of God's family. We have discussed ways that we can show we are part of this family by the way we live every day.

The children are learning a song to sing to the kindergarten children at their graduation on June 16th.

In Social Studies, the children have learned about natural resources. We have talked about how to take



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care of our resources. We have also been working on map skills.

In Science, the children have been learning about what is in the sky.



Our field day will be held on June 3 at Thayer academy. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

The children moved up to grade 2 on May 26. They met with both Mrs. Lord and Miss Sammut to learn what to expect in second grade. They received a supply list and a summer reading list to help them get ready for second grade.

The Memory Lane Concert will be held on June 1 and 2. The children have been practicing their song. You are in for a treat!

There are many ways that your child can keep his/her skills fresh over the summer. One of the most important ways is to read. There are many books available that are on their grade level. One series that I recommend is Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant. The vocabulary is easy to understand and the stories are fun. Any book by Arnold Lobel (Frog and Toad) is also excellent. More challenging books would include the Junie B. Jones series and The Magic Treehouse series. You can refer to the second grade summer reading list for other suggestions.

It would also be beneficial to practice addition and subtraction, counting money, and telling time during the summer.



A summer journal is an excellent way to promote writing skills. This could be as little as writing a sentence about what happened on a particular day to as much as the child wanted to write.



I find this time of year exciting as I see the progress of each child. I also find it hard to see them move on after spending so much time together. I have enjoyed working with each of the children this year. Thank you for your support and cooperation throughout the year. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer.