

MAY 2017

Clarkfield Area Charter School Newsletter



Notes from the office:

*Please have any open lunch/breakfast bills paid by the end of the year unless discussed. Any unpaid balance will carry over to your child's 2017-2018 lunch account. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

*A note was sent home last week regarding Spring Pictures. If you would like to preview them before purchasing, please come into the office. Payments and any un-purchased pictures will be sent back to LifeTouch on Monday May 8.

*Please remember to send tennis shoes for recess and Phy-ed if your child wears flip flops to school.

*We will be selling yearbooks if there is anyone who would like to purchase these, they will be \$9.00 each.

Teacher appreciation week is May 1—May 5 please remember to say a BIG THANK YOU to all of your teachers!!

There are still spots available for the Lions Club sponsored Twins baseball game on June 15. Sign up in the school office. Parents and students are welcome to sign up.

Preschool News

May will bring many exciting things....The MWF class will be going on a field trip to the Watertown Zoo on Friday May 5th, Lunch with Mom is Thursday, May 11th for the Tues/Thurs Class and Friday, May 12th for the MWF Class. The spring concert is Thursday May 18th at 6:30pm. Our annual picnic for both the MWF and Tues/Thurs class is Friday May 26th at 11:30am. We are excited to have you come; we will start by singing some songs that we have learned throughout the year, after that you may enjoy a picnic lunch with your family (you will need to bring a sack lunch for your child and family members and a blanket to sit on). This is also the last day of school for the MWF, **they will go home with their parents after the picnic.** The last day of school for the Tues/Thurs Class is Thursday, May 25th (please come back for the picnic though).

Thank you, Ms. Jackie

Dates to Remember:

May 1st: NWEA testing for all K—6th grade students

May 5th: PreK—1st grade: Field trip to the Bramble Park Zoo in Watertown, SD

May 5th: OPEN HOUSE! Celebrating National Charter School and Teacher Appreciation Week! 4:30—6:30pm BBQ's Chips, Beverages and Dessert will be served. Please come and help us celebrate. There will be a Free Will Donation.

May 7th: Father/Daughter & Mother/Son Dance hosted by the Clarkfield Prairie Cardinals at CACS from 3pm—5pm tickets can be purchased in the school office or at the door. All proceeds will go toward the Valhala Playground Project.

May 8th: LifeTouch pictures/money will be returned.

May 10th: Bike to school day, more details to come.

May 10th: 3rd—6th graders will be at SMSU in Marshall for a Science Conference

May 15th: School Board Meeting

May 11th & 12th: Preschool moms will be having lunch with their child/ren

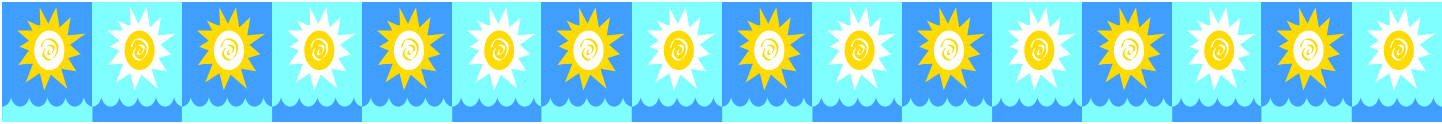
May 15th: School Board Meeting

May 18th: Spring Concert starts at 6:30pm—Students need to be in their classrooms by 6:15pm
* Root beer floats and Popcorn available—free will donation*

May 19th: 2nd –6th grade field trip to the Minnesota Zoo

*May 24th—*6th grade Valley Fair field trip

*May 26th—*Kindergarten Graduation 2:00 PM
Preschool Family picnic starting at 11:30am.
Last day of school



Hello Parents!

Kindergarten Learning Targets

LANGUAGE ARTS

Read-Aloud Theme: PRESIDENTS AND AMERICAN SYMBOLS

This month we will be learning about U.S. presidents and symbols.

We will find out what a president does, what the significance is of the city of Washington D.C., and what was important about George Washington. We will learn about another Founding Father of our country, Thomas Jefferson, as well as other important presidents, including Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, and Barack Obama. We will recognize the American Flag, The White House, The Bald Eagle, The Statue of Liberty, and Mount Rushmore as symbols of America.

Writing

- We will continue writing the letters of the alphabet (upper & lower)
- We'll work on writing our full name (only the first letter is capitalized)
- We will write simple sentences using a capital letter, finger spaces, and an end mark.

Phonics

- We will practice building, reading, & writing CCVC and CVCC words
- Read decodable text with purpose and understanding

Popcorn Words

Please take time to practice the Popcorn Words with your child at home.

MATH

- *#0-30
- *Calendar Skills
- *Measurement
- *Counting by 10's to 100
- *Counting Money (pennies, dimes, nickels, and quarters)
- *Patterns
- *Counting by 5's to 50
- *Graphing
- *Addition and Subtraction Word Problems

Check the May calendar for your sharing day!

May Themes:

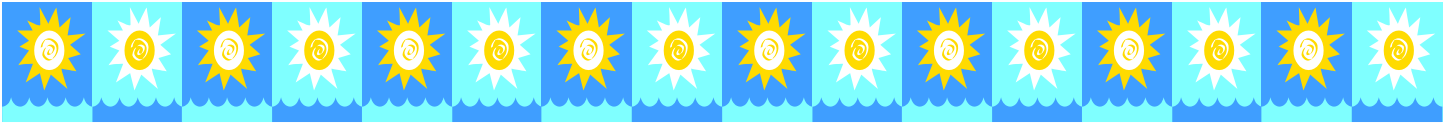
Draw a picture of your favorite summer activity.
Free Choice... bring in an appropriate item for sharing.

May Calendar

May 1—4	NWEA Testing
May 5	Field Trip to the Bramble Park Zoo
May 7	Mother/Son and Father/Daughter Dance at CACS 3pm-5pm
May 18	Spring Concert
May 26	Kindergarten Graduation—CACS Gym at 2pm. All are welcome to join u.
May 26	Last Day of School!

Happy May!
Mrs. Weiss





First Grade

Can you believe it is the last month of school already? Once again, the school year just seems to fly by. As we enter into the month of May, we will find the First Graders busy with many activities. This next month in Math we will be mainly reviewing the concepts we learned this past year. We will be starting a few new second grade concepts as well. They have been doing a great job learning their "Fact Families", Counting Money, and learning their addition and subtraction facts. The students are doing a great job in our Guided Reading groups. They are using the strategies they have learned to decode new and challenging words. They have all advanced several reading levels and are able to read some fun and interesting books. NWEA testing for the First Graders will begin on Monday, May 1st and end on Thursday, May 4th. Please try to ensure your child gets plenty of rest during this week. We are looking forward to our field trip the following day on Friday, May 5th. We will be traveling to Watertown, SD to visit and explore the zoo. We hope to see everyone at our Spring Music concert. The children will be performing at Valhalla and Care Center on Tuesday, May 16th. The performance at the school will be the evening of Thursday, May 18th.

Enjoy the last month of the school year!

Ms. Jessen

2nd Grade

The last month of the school year is fast approaching. All kinds of things will be going on. Field trip to the Zoo will be on the 19th. Concert on the 18th. In Science and Social Studies we will end with plants and economics. It has been a very good year with a wonderful class.

Thank you.
Mr. Schwarz



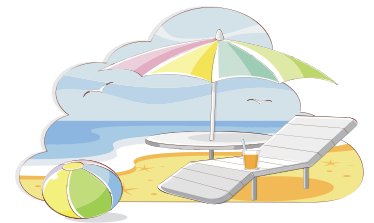
3rd/4th Grade

I know that I have probably said this before, but I am amazed at how fast the year has flown by! Now we are almost in the last month of school and we have had so much fun here in the 3rd and 4th grade classroom!

This last month we have explored the planets and our solar system, learned about the native Americans and are now going on voyages with great explorers! We are following along on the world map of all the places these explorers had been.

The kids have been so creative with their art projects, we made an awesome art piece with our names and got really creative with the cards for Administrative Assistants Day and gave those great cards to Ms. Aubrey! They love to color, draw and create!

We have been busy with MCA testing and I must say they all did great! This is 3rd grades first year taking the MCA and they listened and followed the directions perfectly! They took their time, read the questions carefully and reviewed each answer before submitting it. I am very proud of them all!



5th and 6th grade news

May is here and it is one of my favorite months in school. The students are excited to learn. We can have the windows open again, and have fun learning outdoors too.

During May we plan to do a few community service projects. We will also be doing a Science Fair. It will take place the night of the concert! Come check out all their awesome projects!

We are continuing to learn concepts like main idea and author's purpose. We are also finishing up a few novels.

In Math, we are having lots of fun with fractions. The students are coming up with fun ways to use fractions and are enjoying discovering topics like surface area, scale, and ratios.

Enjoy the beautiful Spring weather!

Nikki Linscheid