

Explorer News

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Again, what a fast month we just had. May is here, and with it came sunshine and flowers. The kids love the nice weather and it shows through their visiting and spring chatting in class. ☺ Even though we have completed our final full expedition for the year, May still is probably one of the busiest months. It is a time of filling in gaps, learning new and intriguing information, as well as tying up a lot of loose ends. April 30th we started our study on garbage. Together, we planned this mini expedition and we think it should be a big hit among the students. Again it will involve quite a bit of fieldwork and trips as well as fairly large projects that will be presented in culmination on June 1st. Please be on the look out for permission slips coming home for a trip the week of April 7th to the 11th, as well as another for the week of the 14th to the 18th. It is always important to get these slips back as soon as possible so that we know whom we need to contact. One trip will include a cold lunch and a backpack, along with a lot of walking! I think the kids will love all of these adventures and will hopefully develop a newfound respect for our environment. Inside of this mini expedition lie many opportunities for parents and families to become involved. Please look for notes coming home regarding this involvement. We might need your trash!

This Thursday, May 3, I will be out of the classroom pulling students to see how far they have come in reading. I will be completing all DIBELS before lunch and all ARIs after. If your child will be gone, please let me know so that I can prepare to schedule a make session. Also, it is very helpful when students come with a full belly and a positive attitude for the day. If you can help in this regard, I would greatly appreciate it.

We have begun our musicals these last few weeks and some of our explorers have decided to try out for a speaking part in the play. Only 3 to 4 explorers will be cast and Mr. Guenther is in charge of organizing the actors, so if you have any questions regarding that please contact him. We are also working on the chorus and set each Friday for Mountain CREW. If you would like to help us in this please let me know!

I look forward to what this beautiful month of May holds for us and I want to again express my appreciation for all you do. The turn out at our culmination day just shows what wonderful parents you all are!

May

		1	2 Collaboration Time Early Release 12:30	3 ARI and DIBELS testing	4 Baby Swan Boy or Girl! We'll know today!	5
6	7 Possible Field Work at Waste Energy Plant	8 Possible Field Work at Waste Energy Plant	9 Collaboration Time Early Release 12:30	10 Possible Field Work at Waste Energy Plant	11 Possible Field Work at Waste Energy Plant	12
13	14	15	16	17 <u>Weather Dependent</u> Walking Field Trip to Terrace View Park	18	19
20 Projects for Garbage Begin	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Continue Work on Projects	28	29	30	31	1 Family BBQ- Garbage Presentation	

