

Transitional Kindergarten Newsletter



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Thank You Parents! It was a great pleasure to have your little ones in my classroom this year. We all learned so many things. Your children are proud of their accomplishments and ready to become kindergarteners in the fall! I will always welcome your children to visit me, take interest in their lives and will miss them all. I have also appreciated all of the parent volunteers this year who have helped in the classroom during choice time, parties and the garden. Volunteering is such a great way to be involved in your children's education. Kindergarten loves to have parent helpers as well! A special thank you goes out to our room parents, Patty and Jean. They been wonderful in helping out with communication, parties, school events and field trips.

Go USA

Our final theme of the year is all about the United States of America. We will be studying geography, landforms, map reading and national symbols. The students will learn patriotic songs, hear stories about famous Americans, make American flags and learn how to be a good citizen.

Line Up on June 5th

It is a Woodside School tradition to have an all-school line up outside of the office on the last Wednesday of the school year. Our class will be meeting there at 8:20 on Wednesday morning. Backpacks can be dropped off by our classroom door. We will gather there to sing, say goodbye to teachers and staff who are leaving Woodside, honor teachers for years of service and hear from our school leaders. Please walk your child to the courtyard between the office and library and look for me. The assembly may last until 9:00 or so.

Woodside Public Library

Last week, we were visited by a librarian from the Woodside Public Library to learn about their summer reading program. I always say, “Books cure boredom!” especially in the summer. A weekly summer ritual of mine is taking my kids to the library to check out (up to 50!) books each. My kids always read in the car, on planes or anywhere they fear boredom. Letting them follow their interests and reading level is so helpful in encouraging a love of reading for the rest of their lives. Libraries are amazing resources for learning and they are free!

Counting Down

We have started counting down the last days of school. We will be visiting the kindergarten rooms over the next couple of weeks to get better acquainted with the rooms and teachers. I hope to get my students comfortable and excited for the transition into kindergarten.

Last Day of School

Our last day of school is next Friday. We will have our last day celebration from 11-12:30 during which, students will be making fruit insects, graduation crowns, playing games and celebrating our year together. We will not be attending the 8th grade graduation in the morning. Please provide a hearty snack, because we will not be having lunch at school. It is an all-school minimum day, with pick-up at 12:30. The parking will be difficult, so plan ahead.

Work Coming Please let me know if you will be missing school of leaving early so that I can be prepared. Today is our last newsletter, so please keep this folder and all of the contents.

Wishing You a Slow Summer

Our kids really do grow up quickly. Life moves fast, especially when our days are booked with school, activities, and social events. This summer, my family is trying to have unscheduled days as often as possible to give our children time to recharge their imaginations, unplug electronics and enjoy each other. Hopefully, they will feel some boredom and figure out what to do about it. Being outdoors and surrounded by nature can do wonders for their young minds. The “slow parenting” movement is spreading across the nation (yeah!) and summer is a great time to begin. Here is a link to an article that inspired me:

www.treehugger.com/family/im-opting-slow-parenting-summer.html

Important Reminders:

- All library books are due this week. Please contact Sharon LaCrosse if you have lost books.

-Friday, May 31: 5:00pm-7:00pm TK PJ Movie Night in room 2

-Monday June 3: Field Day- TK will participate in a few events and watch the relay races. Please dress your child in athletic clothes and running shoes.

Happy Summer!

Sincerely,

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