



K4 News May 2018



Wow! It's hard to believe it's May and that this is the last newsletter for the 2017-18 school year! It will be a very busy month at MGC with many special events. Please read the list below along with the focus for each curriculum domain this month. We will celebrate summer birthdays this month. You will be contacted by email if your child has a summer birthday with more information. It will be extremely important to follow KidMail and check your e-mail this month so that you and your child do not miss out on any of the exciting events/activities. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. kunstmann@mgcparish.org 414-442-7600 ext.118

May Special Events

- May 3 - Family STREAM Night
- May 11 - Family Lunch
- May 18 - No School
Teacher In-service
- May 24 - Spring Concert
- May 25 - Grandparents/Special
Friend Day- 9:30 Mass
11:30 Dismissal
- May 28 - No School-Memorial Day
- May 30 - Service Field Trip
Sing at St. Anne's

Please note: Thursday, May 31, will be the last day of K4. We will have a family picnic at Enderis Park in the morning. All are welcome! More details to follow.



Language Development, Communication, and Early Literacy

We will conclude our letter of the week this month.
Letter of the week:

- April 30-May 4 Uu
- May 7-11 Xx
- May 14-18 Zz

Many of the children recognize all the upper and lower case letters of the alphabet and are able to produce the sound for each letter. Please continue to work on letters and their sounds at home. Repetition is the key to success. The children are beginning to use their letter sound knowledge decoding words while reading the Queen's Question. This month we will have a morning message to read each day. They will also help me to write a sentence at the end of each day. It is very exciting for everyone! The children are printing their name for the daily attendance chart. It is good practice for K5. Our literature focus will include fiction and non-fiction books related to, colors, (specifically mixing primary colors) and butterflies, birds, and plants. While reading stories we will continue to make predictions and recall the characters and the main events of the story. Journals will be cross-

curricular this month. The children will be drawing pictures and dictating on the life cycle of a plant and a butterfly. The journals will be sent home at the end of the month for your enjoyment. There will be plenty of blank pages for your child to continue to draw and dictate stories to you about their summer adventures.

Cognitive Development

Mathematical Thinking

The math focus will be centered on review of all the concepts taught this year. Our morning math routine and centers will include counting, number recognition, quantity, graphing, comparing, sorting, shapes, and patterning. We will also begin adding and subtracting through storytelling and using manipulatives.

Scientific Thinking

Caterpillars will be a new addition to our class this month. We will learn the life cycle of a butterfly as we watch caterpillars form chrysalis and emerge as butterflies. We will also watch bean seeds sprout which is another form of new life. This month the children will be introduced to the primary and secondary colors. We will use the vocabulary primary color for red, blue, and yellow and then introduce the secondary colors as we experiment with color mixing and create orange, green and purple.

Religion

In religion we will continue to shout Alleluias and learn about the return of Jesus to heaven and about the Holy



Spirit. The students will make connections between the resurrection of Jesus and the life cycle of the butterfly, both as new life.

We will also have a lesson on Safeguarding all God's Children. The focus is to help children be aware that God created their bodies special and that their bodies have private parts that are not for others to see or touch.

Social/Emotional Development & Diversity in Learning

This month we will focus on and practice: following the rules, relating to others with respect, solving problems in a peaceful way, participating in class, demonstrating responsible behavior, and good work habits. There will be high expectations for behavior.

Creativity

This month the children will have opportunities to create caterpillars, butterflies, and flowers. Color mixing and the easel will also be part of the creative process this month.

May Homework

- Print name using correct letter formation
- Practice printing, naming, and reproducing the sound of the letter of the week
- Read books and ask questions about the characters, setting, and plot
- Play with rhyming words
- Work on number recognition 0-20
- Enjoy the weather and look for signs of spring

