



Ruth Clark Family Newsletter

Mrs. Carla Wulf, Principal

May 1, 2018

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Tuesday, May 1 - District orchestra concert at Campus High School at 6:30pm.

Wednesday, May 2—Kindergarten Round up at 9:30am in the cafeteria.

Wednesday, May 2—5th grade field day from 9:00—11:30am. Wear appropriate shoes. (No sandals or flip flops)

Wednesday, May 2- 3rd grade field day from 12:45-3:15pm. (No sandals or flip flops).

Thursday, May 3- 2nd grade field day from 9:00—11:30am. (No flip flops or sandals).

Thursday, May 3—4th grade field day from 1:00—3:30pm. (No sandals or flip flops).

Friday, May 4—Band/Orchestra concert from 9:30—10:00am in the gym.

Friday, May 4—1st grade field day from 8:45—11:15am. (No sandals or flip flops).

Friday, May 4—Kindergarten field day from 12:45—3:15pm. (No flip flops or sandals.)

Monday, May 7—Mrs. Holliday and her gifted class will go to Exploration Place. They will be gone from 9:30am—2:30pm.

Tuesday, May 8—District band concert at Nelson Elementary, 125 N. Delos, at 6:00pm.

Wednesday, May 9—1st and 2nd grades will go to Lawrence Dumont Stadium. They will leave our building at 10:15 and return at 2:30. The students will need to take a sack lunch and a hat.

Thursday, May 10—From 2:00—3:15pm, our 5th grade students will have an invention fair in the gym.

Friday, May 11— The 3rd annual fun run will be from 2:00—3:15pm. Kindergarten will run at 2:00. 1st grade will run at 2:15, 2nd grade will run at 2:30, 3rd grade will run at 2:45, 4th grade will run at 3:00, and 5th grade will run at 3:15.

Tuesday, May 15—This will be pre-K's last day of school.

Wednesday, May 16- End of school PTO zoo trip. Kdg—5th grades will leave our building at 9:00am and return at 2:30pm.

Thursday, May 17— Talent show from 9:30am—10:30am.

Thursday, May 17 -LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!! School will be dismissed at 11:40AM.

**HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER.
DON'T FORGET TO READ**

Literacy First:

Kids can lose two months' worth of reading skills over the summer. CRAZY, huh? That means the teachers at Ruth Clark will spend much of September and October just trying to get kids back to where they were in May. Imagine if, instead, your child came back to school the same place they were when they left in May or maybe even ahead. IT CAN HAPPEN! And, it can be simple and fun! As you make plans for the summer break, please help keep kids' skills fresh by trying some of these fun activities:

Check out some funny poems from your library (Shel Silverstein and Mark Prelutsky have some great ones) and read them in silly voices together.

Give your kids some old magazines, paper towel or toilet paper tubes, rubber bands, glue, scissors, tissue paper, etc. and ask them to make musical instruments.

Read and write a recipe of your favorite foods, then make that food. Ask your child to help with measurement and talk about the fact that a cup is more than a tablespoon.

Hide sight words around your home and ask your child to go find "have" or whatever words you have posted.

Give your child a catalogue or mailer from a store, or go online to a store's website. Set a budget (like \$10) and ask him to plan what he could buy if he really got that money and wanted to spend all of it. (Have him make a list and add up the prices. Older children can figure tax as well).

Listen to books online (supervised, of course) and talk about the stories together.

Play "I Spy" using rhyming words, initial or final sounds, syllables, etc. "I spy something that starts with the sound /s/."

Staple together pieces of paper and have your child make a cartoon book. Have him draw and then use speech bubbles to write the dialogue.

Read lyrics to favorite songs and sing them or play on the instruments they made.

Write compound words (or any words) in sand, with water and a paintbrush on sidewalk, with glue and yarn or glitter, on sandpaper (feeling the roughness helps kids remember the way the word is spelled) or any other fun way you think of.

Ask your child to redesign his bedroom. Pretend money does not matter. Draw a model (to scale for older children) of what would be included in the bedroom of his dreams.

Have a wonderful and relaxing summer vacation ~ Don't forget to READ!

Questions or concerns?

Contact your child's teacher or email me at SStein@usd261.com

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