

Kinderstart News

Week of May 31st, 2010

Please remember that this Friday June 4th is our Ellis School Field Day. BOTH GROUPS attend on this day. We will be playing on inflatables in the gym beginning around 10:00 A.M. and then participating outdoor field day events beginning at 1:00 P.M. and lasting until 3:00. We will have a hot dog lunch courtesy of the P.T.O. at 12:00. We are in need of parent helpers for this event. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out.

This week your child will be bringing home a packet full of work that he or she has done throughout the school year. Your child's Bear Research report, his or her fairy tale, a beginning of the year self-portrait (for some children) and a current self-portrait, along with many other items. Please take some time to praise your child for a job well done. (It takes a lot of brain power to write down letter sounds for words). See how much they have grown this year! You should all be proud.

For Group B parents; Please note that Group B's last day of school will next Tuesday June 8th. This will be a half day and children will be dismissed at 11:45. There will be no lunch served on this day, but the children will have a special snack to celebrate summer birthdays sometime during the morning. Report cards will be going home on this day.

Group A's last day will be a full day on Monday June 7th. We will celebrate summer birthdays on this day also for this group.

Attached to this note, you will find some activities to help your child continue learning. Please don't let summer brain drain happen to your child. Remember that kids who write well tend to read well and vice versa, which can be a powerful combination that gives them a big boost in kindergarten next year. Exercises like writing which requires reflection, are a big deal for little minds. By teaching young children to remember and evaluate their experiences each day, you're developing their decision-making and problem-solving skills. Get out and get active! Sports and outdoor activities can help your child stay healthy and fit, but they can also boost brain power. Outdoor play stimulates children's creativity, relieves stress levels, and improves their confidence and social skills. Children who are read to throughout the summer perform better in school the following year. Kids who are read to frequently and have easy access to books are also more competent and resilient in risky situations. So read, write and stay active under the sun!

It doesn't seem possible our school year is almost done! Look for our good-by letter next week.

Mrs. Brimmer