Can you believe there are less than 30 days left of school?! This is the time of year that each passing day feels like a high-speed train ride. So much to squeeze in and so little time. It makes me wish time could slow down, as I savor each moment with your kiddos. We will continue to work on those last few skills to prepare us for 2nd grade. It has been a great year of growth and learning. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with me this year.

**What have we been doing?**

* **Writing:**  Our final project of the year is a research project. We will research, collect information, write reports, and make poster presentations about a favorite animal we have learned about. It is a favorite writing assignment in first grade.
* **Math:** In math we have been working on geometry. We have talked about plane shapes (2-D) and solid figures (3-D). The children have worked on learning about flat surfaces, vertices, and corners. We have also learned about fractions and will learn to tell time to the hour and half hour. We will take our final NWEA tests at the end of the month, so we will continue to work on our fluency in addition and subtraction and freshen up our skills in all areas.
* **Science:** We have been learning about plants and animals. For the month of May, we will focus on the vocabulary words; habitat, life cycle, diet, appearance and adaptations as we learn about many different animals from around the world.

**Important Dates to remember:**

* **May 9th**- Kindergarten Screening- No school for Pre-K and Kindergarten.
* **May 20th & 22nd** - NWEA Testing- Testing will begin by 8:30am on Tuesday and by 12:30pm on Thursday. Please plan to have your children to school on time, and not dismissed early. Thank you.
* **May 26th** - Happy Memorial Day, No School
* **June 6th - Last Student Day- School will be dismissed at 11:45am.**
* **We have cancelled our planned field trip to the Windsor Fair Grounds**

There will be more dates coming along as we get closer to June. Keep a lookout for notices as the school year comes to end and events pop up! ☺