**May 2025**

**Newsletter**

Our focus in phonics this month has been *“vowel teams”:* oy/oi, au/aw, and ou/ow. We continue to practice writing words that have similar spellings with long and short vowels. I.E.: spin/spine, plan/plane, strip/stripe, etc.

In science, we spent some time learning about where our food comes from. They learned that Maine’s largest crops are blueberries and potatoes. We learned that there are different ways to propagate plants. The kids germinated seeds (green beans and peas). We attempted to sprout potatoes, but unfortunately, they rotted. We even started new plant shoots from the stems of existing house plants.

From plants, we segued to animals. We will continue our study of animals for the remainder of the year. We started off learning about various animals from the rainforest. We are now learning about ocean animals. The goal is to learn about animals from the major habitats.

We are combining our science with our reading and writing. As the kids are reading about these animals, they are recording information into various graphic organizers.

In math, we learned about fractions: fourths/quarters, half, and whole. We also learned time to the hour and half hour. The remainder of the year will be spent on reviewing all the major math concepts.

In grammar, we are continuing to revisit nouns, pronouns, adjectives, action verbs, and contractions.

DATES TO KNOW:

May 15th-Circuit City (a presentation from CMP)

May 20th-Reading NWEAs

May 22nd-Math NWEAs

May 26th-Memorial Day. No school.

Until next month,

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