**April 2025**

**Kindergarten News**

**from Mrs. Gallison’s Shining Stars**

April vacation is on the horizon! ☺ We hope your child will do some reading and practicing over the vacation week.

Please remember: this time of year, temperatures vary so layers are good, as well as boots for our muddy playground. ☺ AND extra clothes…..

In Math, we wrapped up our unit on teen numbers with an assessment on Friday. I was very proud of how well they did! This week we start our new unit which is “Solid Shapes All Around Us.” This will be a study of 3D shapes, referred to as solid figures at our level.

In Literacy, our skill focus has been long vowel sounds, words with a silent e, “bossy e”, and words that we just need to learn because they don’t sound the way we expect, for example, “they”, “was”, etc. Also sounds that have multiple spellings. For example, /er/ can be spelled er, ir, and ur.

We are continuing with our K for ME unit on Construction! Our last K for ME unit will be “Our Earth” and will include plants.

We learned about maple syrup and tree tapping through a read aloud. We then enjoyed some vanilla ice cream with maple syrup on it! YUM!

This week and next, we will be doing some special Easter activities. This will include sorting and graphing jellybeans and building peep houses!

After vacation, students will be writing a “How To” piece using the words first, next, then, and finally. The last four weeks of school, we will be doing a special theme day each Friday: Bubble Day, Camping Day, Water Day, and Beach Day.

I can’t believe how quickly this year has gone and that the end is approaching! I have greatly enjoyed your children and they are looking more and more like first graders every day! I say that with mixed emotions, LOL. 

We will soon be working on placement for next year. If you have a request or anything you want me to consider in choosing your child’s first grade teacher, please email or call me. Also, if you know anyone with a child going into Kindergarten, this is the time for registration. Have them call the office.

Upcoming Events:

4/11 PTF Glow Party

4/17 Books for Bikes assembly

4/21-4/25 Vacation

4/29 Arts and Academic Night 6-7:00PM

5/9 Kindergarten Screening for next year: Current Pre-K and K students have no school

5/13 and 5/14 NWEA testing for K students.

5/26 Memorial Day-No School

6/2 Field Day (Rain date: 6/4)

6/5 Kindergarten End of Year Celebration-1:00-2:00 to be held in the gym. Families are invited. More info to come.

6/6 Last student day- Early Release

 -Community BBQ 1-3pm. More info to come from the office.

**Thanks for all your support!!**

**-Mrs. Gallison**

**“Nine tenths of education is encouragement.”
Anatole France**