



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class May 2, 2025



Language Development & Reading:

~We looked for our Word of the Week: "they" in our books and morning messages.

~In Literacy Centers we:

- read lots of great nonfiction books in our small groups,
- practiced reading and writing "they."
- practiced differentiating between the digraph sounds.
- wrote in our journals about what we did over Spring Break.
- started working on a new, and very special "All About" book.
- practiced many of the high frequency and trick words that we've learned this year.
- read decodable readers and other supportive texts.
- played games to decode cvc and cvce words
- differentiated between real and nonsense words.

~In Foundations we are just finishing up Unit 4. We are working on mastering the digraph sounds: sh~ship~/sh/, ch~chin~/ch/, th~thumb~/th/, wh~whistle~/w/ and ck~sock~/k/. We continue to tap out both real and nonsense words, build words using our magnetic tiles, and write words on our dry erase boards.

Books:

~Chickens and Eggs
~The Chicken Who Couldn't
~I Got a Chicken for My Birthday
~and lots of other wonderful books

Poems/Songs:

The Egg
Flowers



Upcoming Events and Reminders

Tuesday, May 6th

BOGO Book Fair

Wednesday, May 7th

Walking School Bus
(Raindate Thursday)

Friday, May 9th

Library Books Due

Friday, May 16th

PTO Family Fun Night

Sunday, May 18th

FRSD Color Run

Monday, May 26th

School Closed –
Memorial Day

Happy Birthday

No May Birthdays



Math:

~We are enjoying learning more about geometry

- We began our May Number Corner. We are looking for calendar marker patterns, solving number stories, and exploring probability
- We have been working at identifying teen numbers by looking at sets as well as numerals.
- We are comparing numbers from 0-20.

~We enjoyed, as always, playing lots of games during our Work Places time.



Science:

As you all know – it is “Chick Central” in here. We have experienced the joy of watching the chicks hatch and grow. They are the most adorable and fascinating creatures. We are taking good care of our new classmates. We were able to pet and hold them. We also have special rotating jobs that we do with our tablemates to help care for the chicks. We are learning how to feed them, provide them with fresh water, maintain their shelter and shower them with love. We and the other Kindergarten classes also named the chicks. Here they are:



Mambo



Lil Nugget



Munchkin



Fluffy



Nemo



Penelope

Our chick cams will be “down” over the weekend, as the chicks will be taking a little trip to my house for some R&R, but they will be back on camera on Monday morning.

Fun Family

Science Activity: Magnetic Cereal

We've all see that many cereals are "fortified with iron." You can do a really easy experiment to test this out.

Supplies:

cereal (like Cheerios)
a clear bottle
a magnet
water

Steps:

1. Fill the bottle 1/3 of the way with water
2. Add cereal
3. Shake to dissolve the cereal (if needed, let it sit overnight).
4. Place the magnet on the outside of the bottle by the water and dissolved cereal. Rotate the magnet around the bottle.

5. Slowly drag the magnet up the side of the bottle. The small bits of iron will come with it.

Please Remember to

*Add the poems "The Egg" and "Flowers" to your child's Poetry Binder. Read the poems in the binder with your child at least a couple of times a week.

