

## *Kindergarten May Newsletter*

**Themes:** Mother's Day; Flowers/Plants; Dinosaurs; Ocean

**Bible Stories and Verses:** Jesus Walks on Water; Fish and Loaves; "Her children stand and bless her..."  
Proverbs 31:28; "Honor your father and mother." Ephesians 6:2

**Reading:** This month, we will learn to "check our reading" to make sure it makes sense. Do the words on the page sound right? Do they look right? If not, we need to go back, reread them, and fix them. Now that we are reading more challenging books, we have to use more of our "super reading powers" such as picture power or snap word power to help decode words. Just like the story becomes more involved, so do the pictures and words. We need to rely on using the whole picture to help us with some words on the page. We also will be moving from pattern books to more "story" type books. Again, using our different reading powers to help us when that familiar pattern is no longer there. Here we can rely on some of our sight (snap or popcorn) words to help us. We will also use predictions & drawing conclusions to help us with more story-like books. This month we will do more independent and guided reading to help gain more confidence.

**Word Study:** This month we will continue with blends and move into short vowel sounds. We will start to talk about "Magic e"...where silent e makes the vowel in the word "say it's name." We will also talk about *-ing* & *-ed* ending words.

**Writing:** This month we will continue to enforce spacing words, incorporating more sight words, punctuation, and writing focused narratives on real life events. We have been editing our stories once they are completed. We check our sight word spelling, punctuation and where to start new thoughts (sentences). This month, we will also focus on creating exciting endings to our stories.

**Math:** This month we will continue to focus on addition & subtraction and when to use each function. We will practice different ways to measure objects, specifically with a ruler. We will also learn how to count by 2's, just because counting by 5's and 10's has become just so easy for us! We continue to count coins at calendar time...pennies, nickels and dimes. Towards the end of the month, we will briefly touch upon telling time.

**Science:** We will finish our study on planting and flowers. We have been observing our own plants and keeping a journal of our findings. This month, we will focus on dinosaurs and ocean life.

### ***Dates to Remember...***

Monday, May 6...Music class

Thursday, May 9...Mother's Day Tea @ 1:15PM in our classroom

Monday, May 13...Gym class: sneakers, comfy clothes & labeled water bottle

Monday, May 27...Memorial Day, school is closed

**Looking ahead...**our Kindergarten Closing Ceremonies will be held on Friday, June 7 at 10AM. All are welcome to join us in the Worship Space! More info to follow.