



# KINDERGARTEN TEAM NEWS

## April Week of 4/12-4/16

**Parent Info:** We have been enjoying the spring weather and love being able to go on the playgrounds. The students need that break from the classroom and their masks. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and allow us plenty of playground/outside opportunities.

We are continuing our adventures to the 7 continents. As I write this we are currently in Asia. We have discussed the climate and the languages. We will continue our journey here for a few more days and then we will be off again to Australia.

April 15<sup>th</sup> is our last day of our Read Across America book log. We said we would read 350 books and as of Friday we were at 310. I have not added our books that we have read in our class. We are on our way to our pizza party. We will be having our party on Friday so there is no need to send lunch in on FRIDAY - Shhh they don't know yet!

We have had some talks about graduation. As it stands now it will be a video taped event that will be given to each parent. I wanted to let you know as some of you may be wondering if you need to take a day off to attend. I wish the answer was yes, but due to our safety protocol we are not allowing parents on the campus. I promise to make it as special for the students and you as I can.

As the end of the year approaches we are trying to get the students to be more independent during snack and lunch. We are encouraging them to try to open their own packaging - Please try to do this at home as well. It is not that they won't have someone to help next year but they will hopefully be in a cafeteria (this year they are in their classroom in district schools) with lots of students and if they can help themselves that will be great.

I have to admit that saying the end of the year is approaching is a bit crazy to me. We have so many more things to accomplish in the next two months, but seeing where these students are as to where they were in September is truly amazing.

### **This week we will be working on...**

**Reading/Phonics:** We are still working on word families. We will continue to work on vowels as well. We are struggling a bit to hear these sound within a word. We are working on Magic E, Bossy R, and When 2 vowels sit together. These are things that we have already talked about as we have gone over sight words and sentences, but will dive a bit deeper.

**Math:** We finished unit 10 and had our test and we have started Unit 11 which works on counting to 100. We have worked on counting to 30, to 50, counting by 10s to 100, and counting by 1s to 100.

**Writing:** We have been writing about our continents. Each continent we visit we have made a fact book. We write about the climate, language, food, animals, plants and other facts.

**HWT:** It's the book that wont quit. We will continue to work on this.

**SS/Science:** We have been to Europe, and are currently in Asia. We will be flying to Australia soon. The students really enjoy Park Shore Air. They love that they get to have their snack (given to them by their very friendly stewardess) on the plane. I am so happy they are having fun while we learn about the continents. I hope they are having as much fun as I am with this unit.