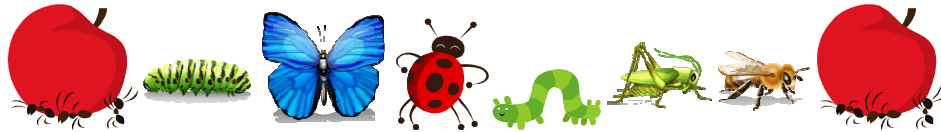


BUG CLUB NEWS



May 24, 2010

Dear Parents,

Last week we enjoyed our visit with the first grade class. We may try to squeeze in another visit with a different teacher. Be sure to ask your child what he/she thought of first grade! Our visit to Pre-K was fun, too. Hopefully you've already heard all about it. The kids also enjoyed their INSIDE field day last week. We certainly had a busy week, didn't we? It has been a busy year. We've learned so much; these students have come so far!!!

Let's look at this week: Wednesday is Pet Day. We will be doing some activities to lead up to our visit with our beloved pets. Remember, if your child will not be sharing his/her pet with the class on Wednesday, they are invited to share a picture or drawing of their pet. If your child does not have a pet, they may bring in a drawing or picture of a pet they would like to own. Of course, this is not required, but only an effort to include everyone!

If you are planning to bring a pet for a visit with the class, please meet us in the space between the church and the school (close to the fountain). We will be there at 1:50 on Wednesday. Thanks.

Our guidance counselor, Paulette Stinnett is offering to have plain white polos embroidered with our new school logo for a reasonable fee of \$4.00. Students will be required to wear polos with this emblem as part of their uniform. The school will have polos with the logo available for purchase throughout the year. However, it may be more economical for you to pay \$4.00 to add the emblem on a shirt you have already purchased. You may contact Paulette for more details. Her email address is pstinnett@stgabriel.net Let me know if I can be of any assistance.

You may want to invest in a summer workbook called *Summer Bridges*. This publication helps to bridge the summer gap and keep students prepared for the upcoming grade. These books are available at KSS and other Parent/Teacher stores. They are reasonably priced and a fun way to help kids retain skills they've worked hard to acquire. Be sure to look for the workbook that is age/level appropriate for your child.

I will be encouraging the students to become pen pals with a classmate over the summer. Of course, students are invited to write to any classmate. I will, however, send home a stamped envelope with each child that has the address of one particular friend on it. Hopefully, this will inspire the students to keep in touch, as well as inspiring each child to continue writing!

It has been a great year for us! It is difficult to say good-bye. We know the students have worked hard and deserve a relaxing, fun-filled summer! We hope your experience has been as rewarding for you as it has been for us. Our parents are our best teachers, and parents from this class have been the best! Your love and devotion to these kids shines in every accomplishment they make, big and small. You should KISS YOUR BRAIN for being such great parents. Our success is measured in your dedication.

Thanks to all of you!



Upcoming School Events:



Wednesday May 26th: Pet Day (meet us at 1:50 between church and school)

Friday May 28th: End of the Year Awards following Mass (about 9:00)
Last day of School Early Dismissal at 11:00



Skills Covered this Week:



Letter/Sound Recognition: Remaining letters, Pet Week, End of school good-byes



Review Sight Words this week



REVIEW ALL

Homework:

Monday: none

Tuesday: none

Wednesday: PET DAY

Thursday: none

Friday: Mass at 8:15 and awards following Dismiss at 11:00

Special Notes:

The ABC BOOKS are over-the-top wonderful!! Thanks for all of your hard work. I want you to know that each and every child is beaming with pride as we share his/her book with the class. They are glistening with joy as other children read each book. It is an inspiring moment to witness. Your work at home has provided meaningful experience to your child! Thank you for your thoughtful efforts and hard work. It means so much to your child!

I cannot say good-bye.

These moments in time have been so very special to me. Everything about this year has been meaningful for me. I learn from students and parents every year I teach. This year has renewed my heart with love for learning. More than anything else, this class has helped me to remember what it feels like to be excited and enthused about doing and learning. They've grown so much. It has been an honor to witness their growth. I have been given a great gift. Thank you for sharing your child with us! I hold each one in my heart.

I will not say good-bye.

See you next year!

Have a great summer! (AND KEEP READING!!!)

With God's Love,
Beth Macaluso
Cindy Robbins

