

MRS. MCCARTHY'S NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18-21, 2017

Curriculum

Readers Workshop— This week students will hear the nonfiction story The Sun. We will learn the vocabulary words fact, sphere, bright and need. Students will share what they learned from the text and then we will compare the story The Sun to the story we heard last week, The Moon.

Writers Workshop— The sight words put and of will be introduced this week. We will continue our poetry unit. Students will hear many different animal poems. As a

class, we will come up with descriptive words that describe animals. Students will then practice writing their own poems.

Math— This week students will continue to work with partners of numbers and practice showing partners in different ways. Students will use ten frames and magnetic dots to show partners. They will practice the strategies counting on and counting all to show numbers. Ask your kindergartener what these strategies are and to model it for

you!

Theme— This week our theme will be butterflies and Earth Day. Please note this is a change from the April calendar. We currently have 5 caterpillars in our classroom that are growing and growing! We are keeping an observation journal as they go through their stages of life. This week we will discuss what Earth Day is and ways we can help the Earth. We will walk around school grounds and see if we can pick up any trash as one way to help the Earth!

Need to Know

- ◆ No School—Easter Break—April 14th and 17th
- ◆ April 20th— Statewide tornado drill
- ◆ May 19th—Early Release—Students are dismissed at noon.
- ◆ May 29th—No School— Memorial Day



Mrs. McCarthy's Corner

3 Apps You Should Know About

SeeSaw— SeeSaw is an online learning portfolio that allows you as the parent to see what your child is doing at school! Students can add photos, videos or diagrams of their learning.

Dreambox— Dreambox is an online math program that students have access to at home and at school. Dreambox tailors its content as students play—so if students are getting all of the answers right, it will automatically adjust and move them onto the next level or vice versa.

Raz Kids— Raz Kids is an online reading program that students have access to at home and at school. Students can access books at their level and then answer questions about the book.

If you have any questions about these resources, please let me know! If you are already using these resources at home—great! If not, please let me know and I can help you get set up!