



Aloha! The Pre-K classes will celebrate the end of the year by attending a performance

of Disney on Ice and learning about sea life. Our luau will be on May 15th with many fun activities such as water slides, face painting, arts and crafts, sprinklers and much more. Parents are invited to attend and assist the teachers at each of the stations. Be

prepared to get wet and have fun!

Thank you for sharing your children with us this year! It has been a joy to see them grow. We've learned as much from them as they have from us. Have a great summer!



May has arrived and with it beautiful sunshine. We continue to enjoy the friendships that we have made during the year. We are now ready for the last

month of kindergarten. We will be reviewing all of the skills we have learned. We are fast preparing ourselves to become "Big First Graders"!

Last week we went to "AgMagic" and had the most fantastic field trip. We saw many animals. We were able to touch them and feel their "outside coverings". It was a wonderful experience.

We are looking forward to our

"Kindergarten Carnival". It will be held on Monday, May 18th. If you can help, please let us know.

Summer will soon be here. Don't stop your learning. Go to the library, read daily, write about your vacations, and practice all the things we have learned this year!



Music

The first grade program "A Train Ride Across America" consists of eight sections written by Mrs. Hill and will be performed by Ms. Collins, Darensbourg, Carlton, Gehling, Bonds, H. Taylor, P. Taylor, and Bradley classes on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 and Ms. Santangelo, Brown, Carter, Major, Manchester, Wall, Spangler, and Jarreau classes on Thursday, May 7, 2009.

Performances are in the school cafeteria. Students will perform a 9:30 morning program (for Kindergarten audience) and a 6:30 p.m. evening program for parents. Most costumes will be

provided. Mrs. Hill will send home a note. DVDs will be available to purchase for \$10. The program songs are on Mrs. Hill's web site for students who wish to study the songs at home.



"Coats for Kids!"

There are many coats, jackets, and sweaters located in the cafeteria. If your child is missing any winter wear please come by and take a look in our collection.

Library News

We are beginning to collect all library books for the ending of school. If a student has out a book after May 8, he or she will bring home a reminder note with the book title and price.

PE Department

We would like to give a big thanks to our students and volunteers who participated in our annual Walk for Diabetes. Together, we know we can make a difference. The end of the school year is near and we are very excited about our first grade field day. The scheduled date is May 19th. Please look for more information as volunteers will be needed. Once again we would like to thank you for your continued support in our physical education program.



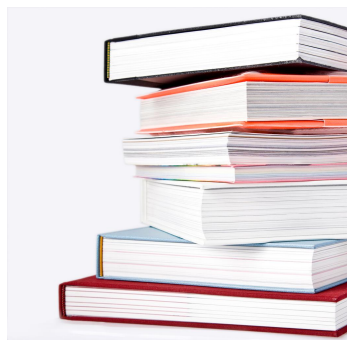


It is so hard to believe that the school year is almost over! We are still working on writing stories and reading

comprehension. In Math we are reviewing addition and subtraction facts. We are working on problem solving and telling time to the hour and half hour.

First grade teachers want to encourage you to read with your child this summer. Students always get out of practice during the summer. The more a child reads, the better

reader he becomes! It will make a huge difference in August when the children return to school. Have a happy and safe summer!



Have a great summer!



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BRAVE BEAT

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Important Dates

May 1-Free Dress

May 5 & 7-Music programs at 6:30 p.m.

May 8-Disney on Ice-PreK

May 12-Art Show-First grade-5:30-6:30 p.m.

May 14-Parent Volunteer Breakfast-9:30 a.m.

May 15-PreK Luau

May 18-Kindergarten Field Day

May 19, 20, 21-Early Dismissal 1:15

May 19- First Grade Field Day

May 20-First Grade Honors Day (Major, Santangelo, Wall, Manchester, Spangler, Carter, Jarreau, Brown)

May 21-First Grade Honors Day (Collins, P.Taylor, H.Taylor, Darensbourg, Carlton, Gehling, Bonds, Bradley/Report cards go home)



FROM THE CHIEF

Thank you for working with us and getting your child/children to school each day for the Iowa test. We always appreciate your cooperation. All of our students in Pre-K and Kindergarten were very considerate during testing time. We are proud of their excellent behavior. Our first grade students were awesome for testing. We are proud of them for their perseverance during testing. I am positive that they did their best and it will be reflected in our results.

I thank you for a fantastic year. You are the reason the Zachary Community Schools are number one in the state. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with each of you and your wonderful children. It has been an honor and privilege. I look forward to seeing many of you at our end of the year programs and activities.

--Martha Davis