

Imagination will take you everywhere.

-Albert Einstein



Butterfly Class News

What is happening in the Classroom

These last few weeks of preschool we will be focusing on what is called the growth mind-set and a very important word, yet. We will talk about things that we might not be able to do, yet, but with a lot of hard work and practice we will be able to do them in the future. We have read two books this last week to help us understand this concept better. [Giraffe's Can't Dance](#), a fantastic story about a giraffe who thought he was not able to dance, but found music that was just right for him. [Ish](#) was another story about a boy who wanted to draw but had a hard time getting it "just right." We have had lots of conversations about our transition to Kindergarten or our next class, there may be things we can not do, YET but we WILL be able to do them soon and it is ok if we need a lot of practice to get things "just right." We had fun making our own giraffe's and then drawing our own "ish" pictures that could be anything that we loved. We will continue to talk about these things and reading books that support our students in this big change. Our class is also working hard on learning songs for our graduation celebration and we will be finishing up each students portfolio of work to give to you on graduation day!

This will be the last newsletter of the school year! Be on the lookout for reminders on Bloomz and some end of the year pictures! Sarah and I would like to express how much we have loved having each one of our students this year and how unique and special each one is. It truly has been a fantastic year and it is bittersweet to send them on off to Kindergarten or their next class up. We are so proud of how much they have accomplished this year and wish you all the best of luck in the future. It has been our honor to teach the Butterfly Class this year!

Book Bags

We will be collecting books that have gone home in book bags and had not yet been returned. **If you have a book borrowed from our library, please be sure to return in to our classroom!** If for some reason, you are unable to find your book, please replace it with a book of equal value for our classroom.

Graduation Day!

This Friday, June 7th is the Butterfly Class Graduation! Our graduation celebration will begin at 10:30am on Friday morning. If Friday is not your regular class day, we ask that you arrive at 10:00am. Please be sure to take your child to the bathroom before bringing into the classroom and finding a seat in the Jason Lee Hall upstairs.

End of the Year Picnic

Little Acorn's all school picnic will be held at Felida Park on Friday, June 14th from 10am-12pm to celebrate the fantastic year we had together! We ask that you please sign up for an item to bring outside of our classroom! We are looking forward to a fun morning of playing together before we start our summer!

Summer Camp

We still have space in our July summer camps! Join us for two fun weeks of camp fun! 9am-12pm. Outside activities, art, crafts, creative play and more! Ages 2.5-6

July 15th-19th. Daily Themes

July 22nd-26th. Camp Little Acorn

Ridgefield Raptors Baseball Game and Family Night

Little Acorn is partnering with the Ridgefield Raptors! We are having a Little Acorn Preschool Family Night, **June 28th, 6:30pm.**

Tickets are \$10 each and we will get to sit on the grassy berm! You can choose from the 1st baseline or the 3rd baseline. The Raptors will donate \$5 from each ticket sold back to our preschool! Follow the link to purchase your tickets for fun night supporting our preschool and community! Please consider wearing your Little Acorn t-shirt to show our Acorn Pride!

<https://groupmatics.events/event/Litteacorn>

Kindergarten Readiness

As we near the end of our preschool year together, the majority of our students are looking at attending Kindergarten next year. Kindergarten is a fun and exciting time for families! However, it can be stressful too. In our classroom, to help ready students for this big transition we are really encouraging independence and we ask that you help us out with this! It is important for students to come into the classroom on their own, hang up their own backpacks, coats etc. Along with coming in, leaving with all their things is equally important. Help remind them to check their own cubbies, bring back their book bags and spend time reading their books at home. Bathroom and lunch also function very differently in a Kindergarten classroom, make sure your student is able to get their own clothes on and off, wash their hands by them self. We have been working on passing and pouring but also encouraging students to open their own snacks, which is great fine motor skills!

More information on how you can help your student get ready for Kindergarten has been sent home with their progress report but please take some extra time over the next few months to work on independence. Other ideas to help with feeling nervous for both parents and students is to visit your school for their Kindergarten round up or visit the playground after school hours to get used to how big it is. All of these things will help your child feel ready and excited and put them (and you!) at ease during this time!

One of the reasons we love Zoophonics in the Butterfly class is because it has a large focus on lower case letters. The reason for this is that, these are what we use MOST of the time. As we finish up the school year, we are really working with students on writing their names the correct way, with their first letter being upper case and the rest lower. We ask that you please help work with your student at home on this as well. We will be sending a summer writing packet home with you at the end of the school year for you to work on with your child to reinforce writing and lower case letters as you prepare for Kindergarten.

Fundraising Opportunities

- Fred Meyer Rewards #GU325 www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards
- Box Tops Due 5/24
- Scholastic- online code GX4F3,

Important Dates at Little Acorn

June

7th Butterfly AM Graduation!

13th Last day in class

14th Last day of school/Little Acorn Picnic 10:00-12:00

