

Firefly Newsletter May 13-16



Last Week: We learned about insects! We beaded dragonflies, painted ladybugs and fireflies, and worked on our cutting skills by cutting away grass to find hidden bugs. We watched our butterflies learn to use their wings, and Monday and Tuesday of this week we'll be letting them go outside. This week we also ran our love of LAPS laps. The kids had a ton of fun running and we so appreciate all of the pledges to support our school. The lap tallies went home last week or are in their cubbies to go home on Monday, and it's not too late to pledge if you still want to contribute!

I also want to say a huge THANK YOU for all of the sweet teacher appreciation gifts and notes. Kristen, Stacy, and I are so thankful for all of the Firefly kiddos and families and the love they show us.

This Week: We'll be learning all about transportation! We'll learn about trucks, cars, and tractors to get us all excited for Big Truck Day this coming Saturday!

Letter of the week: Our letter this week will be T for Truck! If your child would like to bring sharing please make sure it starts with the letter T.

Bikes: Now that the sunny weather is a little more regular we will have bikes as an option during our outside time. If your child would like to ride a bike please send a correctly-fitting helmet any day there is no rain in the forecast.

Big Truck Day: Please join us for Big Truck Day May 18th from 11-1! We'll have several big trucks like a Farwest Steel 18 wheeler, a concrete pump and mixer and more for the kiddos to see up close and personal. We'll also have some great food - CalPortland will be cooking up some delicious street tacos and we'll have cone and dump truck sugar cookies! The cost for this event is \$5 per family and it is a ton of fun. The RSVP form is out on top of cubbies. Please be sure to RSVP by Wednesday 5/14. Hope you can join us!

Summer Camp: Registration is open for summer camp! We offer 3 weeks of camp over the summer and they fill up fast. Art camp is now full, but our July camps both still have some space. Forms are located next to our sign-in sheet if you're interested. This is a great way for your kiddos to meet new friends who may be in their class next year, and also just a great way to keep them used to being at school!

Volunteer Opportunities: It's hard to believe but we are getting close to the end of the year! We ask each family to put in 3 hours of volunteer time or pay a fee if the volunteer time just isn't feasible for your family. I sent home forms in cubbies last week to let you know how many hours you have left. Let me or Katie know if you have any questions!

Fundraising: We have several different easy ways to raise money for our school

- **Fred Meyer Rewards** - You can raise money for our school just by shopping at Fred Meyer! Go to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards and enter our code #GU325 so that Fred Meyer will make a donation to our school each time you shop.
- **Box Tops** - We have an envelope outside of our classroom to collect box-tops. Each one helps!
- **Scholastic** - Need new books? Scholastic has many great books to choose from at affordable prices, and for each book you purchase our school will earn money towards new books too! When you register on scholastic.com enter our code GX4F3 to link to our school account or watch for the flyers that come home in cubbies!

Important dates:

May:

- 18 - Big truck day
- 23 - Progress Reports go home
- 27 - Memorial Day: NO SCHOOL

June:

- 1 - Tuition due (1/2 off for June)

Firefly class wishlist

Nothing right now! Thank you for being so generous!

10 - Tuition grace period ends

13 - Last day in class

14 - All School Picnic 10-12

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns!

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