



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 25 1/2 day Inservice  
9:15-12:15 attendance
- April 22 field trip permission slips due
- April 30 Second grade trip  
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

## READING

The children partner read *The Caterpillar's Story* this week. First, we completed a Connect Two activity in which the children predicted which words would be connected in some way in the story. Next, they previewed the story and thought about what would happen as they looked at the first 3 pages of pictures. Then, they partner read the story and completed a sequence sheet about the story on their own.

We also talked about the verbs see, saw, came, and come this week.

## SPELLING

The children completed Lesson 30 this week. We worked on the ou/oo pattern, as it sounds in "could" and "cook".

## MATH

We began Unit 12 subtraction with regrouping. The children are using tens and ones blocks to act out regrouping numbers (3 tens 4 ones = 2 tens 14 ones). We moved to 2 digit - 1 digit subtraction and finally 2 digits - 2 digit numbers with regrouping. The children are coming along with understanding the concept of regrouping for subtraction. We will continue with this concept next week.

Next week, we will be working on money skills. I would like each child to bring in the following combination of coins in a small container (no taller than 3") that has your child's name on it. We will be using the real coins rather than plastic coins to practice this skill. Please send in the following:

- 4 quarters
- 10 dimes
- 10 nickels

10 pennies

1/2 dollar (if you have one).

All coins should be brought in by Thursday, April 24 and will be returned at the end of the year.

## SCIENCE

We continued our study of the life cycle of butterflies and moths this week. The children have written in their butterfly journals as we watch the caterpillars change and go into the pupa stage of their life cycle. Once they go into their chrysalides, we will have to wait for 7-10 days when the painted lady butterflies will emerge.

In conjunction with this unit, the second grade classes will be taking a field trip to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum in Chicago on April 30. The children will walk through a butterfly garden and be able to see different types of chrysalides and butterflies/moths. They will also take a class called Habitat Hunters. In this class, they will learn about what animals need to survive in their habitat.

All children will need to be at school by 8:45 for this trip, so we are ready to leave at 9:00. It takes a long time to get to the museum and we have run late the past 3 years. We hope this year will be different if we leave earlier. We will keep our fingers crossed!

## WRITING

We continued to work on expository writing as the children wrote about spring this week. They have begun to understand the difference between expository and narrative writing as well using paragraphing in their writing. The children will take the local assessment for writing next Thursday morning.

## NOTES

The MAP testing is done for the year. The children worked very hard on this pilot test for the district. I was very impressed by some of the

test taking strategies some of the children employed as they made their choices.

I hope you enjoyed the Emerson Art Faire last night! Our halls have never looked so good due to all of the fantastic art work that lines the walls. What a wonderful way to celebrate the talents of all of our students!

**½ DAY INSERVICE:** Due to a District 200 In-service Day, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will attend school from 9:15am-12:15pm on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. **AFTERNOON KINDERGARTEN**

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL ANNOUNCED:** On Wednesday the Board of Education took action to establish the last day of school for this year. Due to the February 1<sup>st</sup> cancellation of school, the 2007-08 calendar was extended from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>. June 3<sup>rd</sup> will now be a full student attendance day and the last day for kindergarten. June 4<sup>th</sup> will be the last day for Grades 1 through 5 with attendance from 9:15-11:15am. **NETS ATTEND FROM 9:15-11:45am, while MORNING KINDERGARTENERS DO NOT ATTEND AT ALL ON THAT DAY.**

**COOK'S NIGHTS OUT:** Besides the regular monthly CiCi's Pizza Benefit Night on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, there are others coming up soon. On Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> Red Robin will donate 10% of all sales from Emerson supporters anytime between 11:00am and 9:00pm. Egg Harbor will also be doing the same on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> anytime during their regular hours, 6:30am-2:00pm.

**SPRING CONCERT:** Emerson's Chorus, Band, and Orchestra members will be performing at our Spring Concert on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00pm. Mark your calendars and watch for more details to come.

I hope you have a terrific weekend!  
Mrs. Gianni