

# May News

## from K-A



Tuesday May 1, 2018

Welcome to May!

April was a great month in K-A! Thank you very much to the families that supported the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. It was a fantastic night of food, games, and prizes! Our Dramatic Play centre was a busy Pizza Pizza restaurant, then a Creation Station!

Spring is here...hopefully!!! We sent home all the extra clothing for updating before March Break but will likely do it again soon if warm weather sticks around. Please ensure that your child has a spare pair of socks and pants/shorts in their bags...these have already come in handy for mud/puddle mishaps. The students have been doing a wonderful job of keeping our classroom and gym clean by having a pair of clean indoor shoes; although the weather is changing for the better, we will continue this routine for the remainder of the school year.

With the nice weather, we will be outside more! In addition to our regular recesses, Kindergartens have at least 40 minutes of outdoor time. During this time, students use chalk to write numbers, letters, and words, draw pictures, create hopscotch games, design mazes, and make tracks for others to follow. Students enjoy making up games with hula hoops and balls, riding the trikes and plasma car, and playing an endless variety of tag games! We often bring wooden blocks outside as well so that the students can build and create in a much larger area! You may wish to send a hat for your child and put some sunscreen on your child in the morning.

In May, the Fearless Leaders will share something that tells us what he/she would like to be when he/she grows up. Students are encouraged to be creative and think of the 'tools' that community helpers use to do their jobs. Some examples: wrench- mechanic; wooden spoon- chef; toy handcuffs- police officer; book- librarian; have fun with this one! Students will show their tool and then the audience will guess which type of community helper would use that tool. Fearless Leaders will then share why they would like to have that job and answer audience questions. Looking forward to seeing and hearing great things!

We are working on reading and writing skills daily! We are impressed with how the students are using our Popcorn Words in sentences. They have noticed that they can put several Popcorn words together to make sentence starters, such as, " I like the..." ; " It is a..." ; "We can..." ; " I see a..." . We are encouraging students to write their own little books, on a topic of personal interest, using these sentence starters. When writing sentences we encourage students to begin with a capital, leave spaces between words, and end with a period/exclamation mark/question mark. We encourage students to "use their sounds" when writing so words are often spelled phonetically rather than conventionally...that is ok! Students love the opportunity to share their books with the class!

We continue to read daily with students. Please remember that the more students read, the more confident and fluent they will become! We encourage students (and their parents) to return their home reading books at least twice per week. We are really enjoying seeing the success that the students are experiencing with their reading! Please remember to visit Raz-Kids as well; we will tape a reminder note with your child's login and password into your child's agenda.

Oneida's annual Jump Rope for Heart event will be held on Thursday May 10. If you have collected donations, please return the collections in the large envelope that was sent home in April, on or before May 10.

We have several fun events to look forward to as the year comes to an end! More information will be sent home very soon about our End of the Year trip! The KA and KB classes will be going bowling at Echo Bowl in Brantford and then will have a picnic lunch (with Pizza Pizza pizza and snacks) and playground fun at Mohawk Park in Brantford. Parent volunteers will be needed for this trip. Please look for permission forms to come home in the second week of May.

Dates to note in June:

June 7: KA&KB end of the year trip (Echo Bowl and Mohawk Park in Brantford)

June 8: PD Day- no school

June 26: End of the Year class party

June 28 @11:30am: End of the Year Kindergarten Celebration (parents welcome; more info to come)

June 28 @12pm: Primary Picnic (parents welcome; more info to come)

June 28: Last Day of school

A very happy Mother's Day to all the K-A moms and grandmas! Thank you for all you do!  
You are amazing! ☺

Have a great month!

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