

Meadow Oaks Academy Private School Newsletter April/May 2018

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Testing Begins

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be administered April 9th thru April 20th. All Meadow Oaks Academy students in grades APK, K, 1st-5th will participate in this assessment. Results will be conveyed to parents in the form of a conference and/or letter sometime late April & May.

Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast; doing both of these things will help ensure that your child is working at full capacity. Meadow Oaks will also provide protein and healthy snacks during testing.

Kindergarten Graduation:

Please mark your calendars for May 20th. Kindergarten Graduation will be in the Meadow Oaks Academy Gymnasium at 2:00 PM.

MOA Bulletin Board

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Day School Closed –May 28th
Memorial Day

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Summer Sessions begin June 6th



Summer Camp Enrollment Open

We are enrolling now for summer camp. Take a break from schoolwork and devote some time to good, kid-centered fun, at Meadow Oaks this summer. The counselors involve campers in physical activities, crafts, games, and projects. Assemblies, talent shows, creative activities, games and sports, water play, indoor swimming, indoor skating, and quiet-time choices round out the day. Field trips are also part of the mix, including time at Texas Ranger Stadium, Flight Museum, Opera House, Butterfly Park, Dallas Museum, Kyle Warren Park and Hawaii Falls.



2th Grade News – Reading & Writing

Second graders will be completing their reading Unit “Our Country and our People”. The chapter book unit in reading will be Chocolate Touch as they close out the school year.

Attention will be directed

toward reviewing vocabulary skills such as prefixes, suffixes, words in context, antonyms, and synonyms. Comprehension skills will be reinforced as we explore whole-part relationships comparative relationships, cause-effect relationships,

predicting outcomes, drawing conclusions, and summarizing. The last few weeks, Second Grade will review syllable division and spelling changes before suffixes.



Social Studies & Science

2nd graders are continuing their work on the fifty states unit. Students learn interesting facts about each of the fifty states; facts such as the state tree, flower, bird, the state capital, natural resources and geography of each state. Did you know the New Hampshire state insect is the lady bug. The unit is both challenging and fun!!



April & May are great months for Science! We will get to experience metamorphosis in the classroom while we watch larvae turn into beautiful Monarch butterflies. Students will learn butterfly facts such as – butterflies eat with their proboscis and there are 24,000 species of butterflies. We will also be learning fun information about our bodies. Did you know that our noses and skin help keep germs out of our body? Finally we will be learning about our solar system and each individual planet. 2nd graders will create a solar system model.

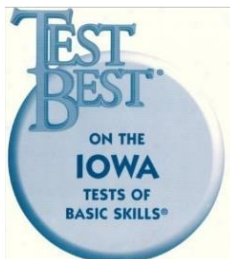
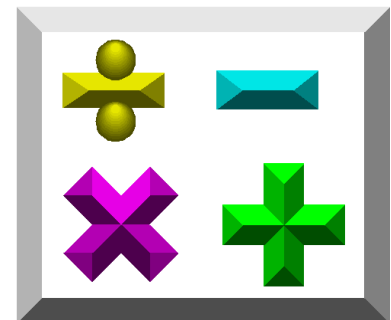


Math

We'll review equivalent units of measure in the customary and metric systems. They'll develop a technique for estimating distances by pacing, along with making measurements to the nearest half-inch and half-centimeter. Second Graders will be reviewed as they use a “Good Buys” poster about groceries to practice finding alternate ways of paying for purchases. After a review of decimal notation used to represents money amounts, they'll explore various names, fractional and decimal, for a penny and a dime. They'll be able to use decimal notations for dollars and cents in a variety of situations. The second

grade will make their own Place-Value Book to use in more formal work. Place-value skills will be extended to 5-digit numbers. Second grade will review addition & subtraction stories with dollars and cents.

They'll review multiples of equal groups and multiplication facts. We'll be exploring the relationship between multiplication and division. The last few weeks of school we'll reinforce the main concepts covered in second grade.



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1st Grade News – Reading & Language Arts



They are building vocabulary by recognizing structural and contextual clues in their readers. They will continue reviewing details, topics, cause-effect relationship, predicting outcomes, and understanding the main

ideas. They have mastered and will continue using alphabetical ordering when organizing their work ideas. We will close out the year with a comprehensive review of our studies in Language Arts.



Science & Social Studies



Writing and illustrating the animals and different products of the rain forest will be a great adventure. The first graders are also learning how to follow directions on a map by using the map keys. They'll be focusing on Texas and complete a book about Texas Heroes, Texas Resources and Symbols. First grade will really go "far out" by studying the solar system the last few weeks of school. This is a busy time for First Grade.

Math



We will review concepts such as solving problems and sharing solution strategies together. They'll be gaining experience in practical work with money, as well as gaining a better understanding of addition and subtraction. They will be formally introduced to concepts of fractions, fraction notation and vocabulary of fractions. Work with place value, digits, and tens patterns is continued. Extensive work on number

lines and number grids is extended as we review negative numbers on number lines and link them to backward calculator counts. To provide closure on all the "data" we've collected, we'll summarize our findings. We'll review telling time, temperature differences, number scrolls and complete a year-end Geometry Review!!!!



Spelling

Please remember to review spelling words DAILY. This is very important to their learning experiences. Thank you for your continued support with their spelling work.



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Kindergarten News – April Unit **BY THE SEA!**

The purpose of this unit is to help students to focus on and investigate oceans and life in and around them. The selections the students listen to and read are primarily informational texts. Through these selections and their unit investigations, the students will discover a number of facts about the oceans, marine plant and animal life, and the

properties of ocean water and how it differs from the water they drink.

Oceans occupy most of the surface of our planet. As they study this unit, they'll begin to understand how oceans affect their lives and all the people in the world.



Math

This month in Math, we will continue our spiral curriculum in all of the strands we have studied.

Some of our activities will include:

Place Value:

...money and calculators

“What’s My Rule” (functions):

...pairs of numbers

...attributes

Study of Shapes:

...compare shapes, shape puzzles, “I Spy” shapes, body shapes, rope shapes, geo board shapes, shape museum, straw shapes

Study of area

Continue measurement

Work on addition

Missing addends

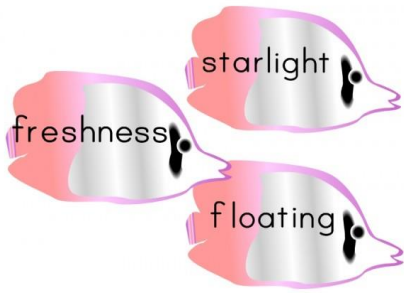


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Advance Pre-K News – Reading “LIFT OFF”



Word study is a great learning strategy for building word recognition and spelling skills. Pre-K students are learning to examine and study words for common patterns and distinctive features. Because the exercises are fun and enjoyable

experiences they are processing a thorough understanding of the word structure of the English language. They understand that the way words are built is not completely random. This comprehension provides them with direct clues to

meaning and spelling. Learning to look at words and study them carefully will help in developing a knowledge of word structure which in turn will equip them with skills needed for attacking polysyllabic words.



Math

Pre-K is focusing on addition by using pictures to obtain information in the order to identify, describe, and discuss addition situations. For example, they will tell what they see in the picture, then create

an addition story for the picture. This is a wonderful exploration as they discover what are the parts which make up the whole. Pre- will continue to explore symmetry, make color patterns, find number patterns, and order numbers.



MEMORIAL DAY



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