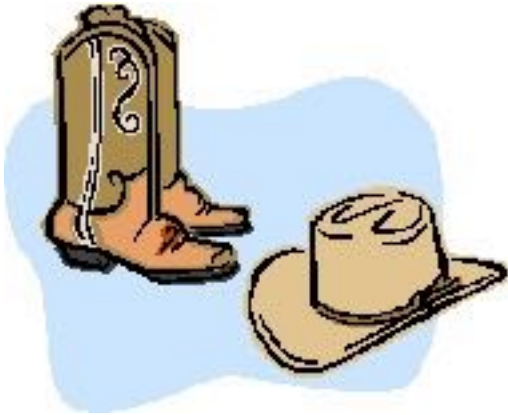

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THEME FOR THE MONTH IS *Way Out West*

Bible Verse: "Children obey your parents in all things" Colossians 3:20



Lessons for the month

NUMBERS AND LETTERS

- April 30-May 4 Ww
- May 7-11 Mm
- May 14-18 Dd

Lower Case Letter Review

FOCUS

- Guessing
- Estimating

How can it possibly be May already? It seems we just started. This is such a bitter sweet month, it is hard to say goodbye to these special little ones. They have touched our hearts with their sweet voices, happy smiles and fun filled attitudes. We will miss each one of them, especially those moving on to kindergarten. Thank you for sharing them with us this year and we hope you have a wonderful summer.

The month of May is always a busy one around here. There are so many wonderful activities we want to enjoy during our last month together. Some of the experiences we hope to have include watching caterpillars turn into butterflies, bike days, water play, special art projects, and lots of time outside. You will want to pay close attention to the important dates and special notes in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

You will be getting information from your room parent soon about teacher appreciation as well as the end of the year. There will be some special gifts organized for the teachers. And we will have an end of the year gift for each child, typically a bucket filled with summer toys and treats.

We will also be making a few surprises for upcoming holidays including Mother's Day and Father's Day. We hope that you both enjoy your special day. Never underestimate the role you play in your children's lives, being a parent is the hardest job *and* the most rewarding job. Cherish every moment and remember what a difference you make in their little world.

Thank you again for a wonderful year. This month will fly by and summer will be here before you know it. It has been my privilege to work with you this school year. If you need anything from us in the future please do not hesitate to call. And we love to see first day of school pictures from all of you headed to kindergarten, I know everyone will do great!!

Joy Morgan

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

- May 3 & 4 - no school, parent conferences
- May 7 - Graduation pictures
- May 7-11 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 7 & 8 - last week of library check out
- May 10 & 11 - Spring Fling and Parent Picnic (see newsletter for details)
- May 17 & 18 - Last Student Showcase, bring whatever you want to share!!
- May 17 & 18 - May Birthday Snacks
- May 18 - Pizza at the Park after school
- May 22 & 23 - Summer Birthday Snacks
- May 24 & 25 - End of Year Programs, last day of school
- Stay and play will be available May 1 & 2 (bike days) , 8 & 9 and May 15 & 16.

SPECIAL NOTES:

SPRING FLING and FAMILY PICNIC

We will have special days of outdoor fun on May 10 and 11. **NO SCHOOL FOR RED RACECARS ON THURSDAY!** Please bring your children at their normal time. We will have some special centers and activities throughout the morning. At 11:15 please return for our family picnic under the pavilion. You will need to bring lunch and drinks for your family. You may also want chairs and blankets in case all of the tables are full. Part of our day will include bike riding so please bring your child's bike and helmet (in working condition) for some ride time. Sunscreen and summer clothing are a good idea, we cannot apply sunscreen at school so they will need to come prepared.

BIRTHDAY SNACKS

Birthday snacks will be May 17 and 18 this month. We will also celebrate all of our summer birthdays on May 22 and 23. I will send home requests for birthday items. For our summer birthdays we will have cookies and popsicles.

PIZZA AT THE PARK

On May 18 we will meet at Pole Green Park Playground directly after school. I will be posting a sign up sheet to order pizza for your family if you would like. This is a small fundraiser for the school, and a great time to celebrate spring together. We will not provide transportation or monitor your children, we will just meet together for some fun. All are welcome. You will want to bring your own beverages and blankets/chairs.

END OF THE YEAR AND GRADUATION

Our end of the year programs will be Thursday May 24 and Friday May 25. Red Racecars will participate on Friday and will NOT have school on Thursday. Our theme will be "Way Out West!" You will need to bring your child to school at their usual time, the program will begin at 9:15 in the church. We will have some special songs and will then come over to the Parish Hall for cake and punch. On Friday we will also have a time of recognizing our graduates in cap and gown. These are special days to recognize all that your children have accomplished this year and celebrate the beginning of summer. These will be our last days of school for the year.

