

Friday, April 4, 2008

Dear Parents:

We spent a little time on our Transportation unit this week but we spent most of each day engaged in center activities while students were being assessed for the upcoming report cards. I was very pleased with the progress that most students made.

The third quarter of the school year ended today. Report cards will be mailed to you next Friday, April 11. If you have changed mailing addresses since the beginning of school, please contact the school office and verify that we have your correct mailing address.

Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, April 23. This quarter, conferences are optional. I will contact you if I want to have a conference with you about your child. You may request a conference if you feel the need. Please call the school office to schedule a time.

We traditionally conclude our Transportation Unit with an event called "Truck Day." On the morning of Friday, April 25, we hope to have several trucks visit our school (If it is not raining). The students will go out to the parking lot and listen to the truck drivers talk about their trucks: how they work and what they are used for. If you know of someone who might be able to bring a truck to school on Fri., April 25 from 8:45 until about 9:45, please have them contact me as soon as possible.

Make reading a part of every day:

- Share conversations with your child over meal times and other times you are together. Children learn words more easily when they hear them spoken often. Introduce new and interesting words at every opportunity.
- Read together every day. Spend time talking about stories, pictures, & words.
- Point out the letter-sound relationships your child is learning on labels, boxes, newspapers, magazines and signs.
- Be your child's best advocate. Keep informed about your child's progress in reading and ask the teacher about ways you can help.
- Be a reader and a writer. Children learn habits from the people around them.
- Visit the library often. Story times, computers, homework help, and other exciting activities await the entire family.

Spring Break is scheduled for the week of April 14 – 18. School will resume on Monday, April 21. After that there will be only 39 days of school left!