

KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER!

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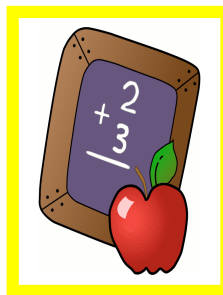
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Classroom News:

The Rainforest!

This month we will be learning all about the Rainforest. We will read several books that teach us where the rainforest is located as well as what kinds of animals and plants make up the Rainforest. This unit will be full of interesting facts about science and fun activities. We will also be learning about patterns and how to add single digit numbers.



Healthy Recipe of the Month:

Rainforest Trail Mix!

Pour items into a large bowl. Stir until evenly mixed.

Serve in small paper cups. Makes 10-12 servings!

- 1 cup Macadamia Nuts
- 1 cup Cashews
- 1 cup Peanuts
- 1 cup Dried Bananas
- 3/4 cup Coconut
- 1 cup Dried Pineapple

Tips for Parents for Beginning Writers!

There are several steps that parents can do with their children to help them write their letters better and more clear. Here are some tips to help build your child's writing skills.

- 1.) Sit down with your child and watch them write each letter of the alphabet.
- 2.) If you notice they are making their letters the incorrect way, show them the correct way. Some common letters that are made backwards are a, b, e, and s.
- 3.) If you notice your child is still having trouble, you can print out letters with dotted lines so your child can trace them.
- 4.) While your child is writing each letter, have them say the letter out loud to help with recognizing it.
- 5.) Praise your child for all the hard work he/she has completed! You could even reward your child with a healthy snack or placing your child's work where everyone is able to admire it!

Star Student of the Month!

Congratulations to: Nika Parkinson for her outstanding success on her letter writings/ recognition as well as coming to class everyday with a smile on her face. Nika likes to play with her friends and her dog Conan. Her most favorite school subject is reading!

**Questions, comments, or concerns?
Please feel free to contact me!**

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Here is a list of some amazing books that you can read to your child or your child can read to you at home!

- *The Magic School Bus Explores the Rainforest.* By: Joanna Cole. This book brings the Rainforest to life with fun science facts. **Located in the school and public library.**
- *Journey into the Rainforest.* By: Tim Knight. This book takes children on a trip to the different parts of the Rainforest. **Located in the school and public library.**
- *Echoes of Nature: Rainforest.* By: Various Artists. This book allows you to listen to the sounds of nature that happen in the Rainforest. **Located in the school and public library.**
- *Tropical Rainforest.* By: Geoffrey Holder. This book has a ton of information on the different animals that call the Rainforest home. **Located in the school and public library.**
- *Rainforest Images.* By: Priscilla and Barton McLean. This book also has a soundtrack with the sounds of the Rainforest. **Located in the school and public library.**



Reminders:

April 4th: No School! Teacher Institute Day.

April 12th: School Field Trip to the Hilton Crest Public Library to listen to a variety of books!

April 22nd: Class party for making it through their first year of school in Kindergarten!

April 30th: Book orders due by 3:00pm.

Ask your daughter or son about the new pet we have in class!

Name: Freckles

Type of Animal: Hamster

Lives in: Our classroom in a cage



Student Accomplishments!

*** All students succeeded in practicing the fire and tornado drill!**

*** All students completed their 20 minutes of home reading time last month!**

*** All student have lost at least one baby tooth this year! They are all growing up so fast!**

*** All students are ready to move to the first grade!**

Hey Parents! Here is a good book about discipline for your child. Check it out!

1-2-3 Magic: Effective Discipline for children 2-12 by: Dr. Thomas W. Phelan.

Dr. Phelan offers great advice to parents who have a hard time with their child and discipline. He offers how to start and stop behavior, frequently asked questions, and what to do in public.

This book has some great advice and has been in good reviews with several magazines and newspapers. Also, over 500,000 copies have been sold and can be found at the Hilton Crest Public Library!