



# St. James Kindergarten Newsletter

May 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

## Parent Information:

The Kindergarten "End of the Year" picnic field trip is **Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. A permission slip was sent home today (Friday). Parents are welcome to join us **at** the park.

Our Kindergarten Olympics is **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11am**. Your child may wear weather appropriate play clothes.

The Library is beginning to gather library books. If you have any SJS library books at home, please return them this month.

The SJS STEAM Fair is **Thurs. May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8pm**. Your child's work will be on display & you can view work from other grade levels as well!

## Favorite Read Alouds:

If you Give a Mouse a Cookie by  
Laura Numberoff

Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What do you See? By Bill Martin Jr.



## Highlights:



1. Kindergartners dived deeper into 3D shapes this week by recalling them, describing them & experimenting with 3D shapes! They had to decide if the 3D shape rolled, slid, or stacked.
2. Students participated with the whole school in the monthly prayer & pledge in the PC. They enjoy saying the pledge, praying loudly, singing joyfully and reciting the Our Father prayer together.
3. We had a simple introduction to time & reading an analog clock. They learned the "hour hand" and "minute hand" along with focusing on how to read a clock by the hour.
4. In Science, we began our *Under the Sea* unit this week. During read alouds, students have been listening to non-fiction texts about a variety of ocean animals (whales, sharks, jellyfish, etc).

High Frequency Words: **come, from, two**

(Last week's words: **too, they**)



## Upcoming Events:

-Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> - PCL special lunch \*send beverage

-Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - Spiritwear

-Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - STEAM Fair  
630-8pm

-Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> & Mon. May 27<sup>th</sup>  
- No School

-Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> -  
Kindergarten Olympics 9:30 am-  
11:00am

-Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Picnic

-Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> - Last day of  
school, early dismissal at 10:30am;  
Spiritwear day; report cards  
distributed

## Weekly Curriculum:

Writing & Reading: In 6+1 Traits of Writing, this week's lesson focused on the skill of organization. Students listened to a popular Laura Numeroff book and then had to retell the story (beginning/middle/end) using the words: *First, Next, Last*.

Kindergarteners added another HFW journal page into their journals for **two**. We also discussed the differences between two/to/too. They read with a peer or teacher from their **come, from** high frequency word book as well after recognizing and highlighting it on each page.

They also wrote an under the sea themed sentence: "I see a \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, looking at me!" where they focused on using adjectives (descriptive words).

Kindergartners also continue to practice their handwriting skills.

Math: Kindergartners continue to practice addition & subtraction problems, coin values, place value and counting on/back from a given number.

Students also created their own 3D shape book by reading with/to a small group about each 3D shape (cylinder,

sphere, pyramid, etc.) and then they

had to cut & paste real world examples for each shape.



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