



# St. James Kindergarten Newsletter

May 13-17

## Parent Information:

The Kindergarten "End of the Year" picnic field trip is **Mon, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Don't forget to return the permission form by the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Parents are welcome to join us **at** the park. Kindergartners may wear play clothes.

Our Kindergarten Olympics is **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11am**.

Your child may wear weather appropriate play clothes.

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Please return any SJS library books you may have at home.

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

## Favorite Read Alouds:

Fidgety Fish by Ruth Galloway

Miss Spider's Tea Party by David Kirk



## Highlights:



1. Our classroom caterpillars have become much bigger and fatter this week! Some have even started their chrysalis stage!
2. Kindergartners began writing in their Kindergarten Memory book this week! They completed the "All about me" page.
3. In their leveled guided reading groups, students continue to read by sounding out/using their phonics sounds/using the illustrations/context clues. We also continue to recall the stories main events/characters/setting.

High Frequency Words: **yes could**

Last week's words: **come, from, two**



## Upcoming Events:

- Mon. May 20<sup>th</sup> -Spiritwear Day
- Thurs. May 23<sup>rd</sup> - STEAM Fair  
630-8pm
- Fri. May 24<sup>th</sup> & Mon. May 27<sup>th</sup>  
- No School
- Wed. May 29<sup>th</sup> - K Olympics  
9:30 am-11:00am
- Fri. May 31<sup>st</sup> – Kindergarten  
leads All School Mass 9am
- Mon June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Picnic 11am-  
1pm; Spiritwear Day
- June 6<sup>th</sup>- Last day of school,  
10:30am dismissal; Spiritwear  
Day; report cards distributed



## Weekly Curriculum:

**Reading & Writing:** In 6 + 1 Traits of Writing, students listened to Miss Spider's Tea Party by David Kirk. We focused on the trait of voice and on the technique of narrowing a topic and adding quality details to that topic. As a whole group, we compiled a list of all the insects that were present in the story. Then, students discussed whether or not Miss Spider is an insect herself!

Kindergartners also did some whale writing: "If I were a whale..." and read their sentence to a teacher/peer/whole class.

**Blue Book:** Students continue to practice blend words, we reviewed our 3-letter blend words (spr, spl, squ, str). They also continue to chop up words (stretch-s/t/r/e/ch).

**Religion:** Kindergartners had further practice reciting the "Hail Mary" as they cut the words out, placed them in the correct order then glued them down before coloring a picture of Mary to accompany their prayer.



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