



## Kindergarten Newsletter May 2005



Dear Parents,

This past month has been fantastic! The children are buzzing with new vocabulary and new knowledge. I am so impressed with the way they all dug into the space unit with so much enthusiasm. We learned about each planet and what makes them special and unique. We learned that the sun is actually a star, and that stars are made of burning gases! The children loved looking through books and asking questions. They also created their own Alien. They decided what he looked like, from his three eyes, right down to his feet (which actually looked like hands). They then decided as a class that his name should be, "Nothing Smelly Feet". Once our Alien was created and named the children went on to write a story about the time Nothing Smelly Feet took a trip to Provo. This unit lent itself to many science and literary activities. To end the unit Nicola Williams will be helping the children reenact the first trip to the moon. If you would like to watch your child perform you are welcome to stay after drop off on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at roughly 8:30am. It is absolutely imperative to bring your child to school on time so that they will not miss their chance to act in the play they are working so hard at.

I would like to take time here to remind parents that school begins at 8:30am. You may drop your child off as early as **8:15am** and no later than **8:30am** unless special circumstances arise. It has become quite difficult for us, as nearly half of the class is late daily! This has disrupted the activities and students in the class and has forced me to change the morning routine. Please, keep in mind that this affects **EVERYONE** - not only the parents/children who work hard to get to school on time, but also the child who is late. I would appreciate if you could therefore be sensitive to this issue.

In Kindergarten this month we are going to be doing some growing! Our theme this month is gardening. Throughout the month we will be growing a variety of plants from seed to learn how seeds germinate, what plants need to grow, how to take care of them and to identify parts of the plants and their functions. Our Science lessons will consist of plant experiments that will reinforce this knowledge. If you have knowledge or skill in this area, and would like to help out please let me know.

In Math this month we will focus on measurement and capacity. This will be done through the use of cooking, planting, and water table activities. In Language Arts, the students will continue on in their readers, and as a class they will focus on

different phonemes (e.g. at, hat, cat, rat, sat). Wow! Everyone is doing so well! Keep up the nightly reading; it has made such a difference. The one-to-one practice your child gets in reading to you is essential to his/her development.

The Jr. Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2 Classes will be attending a “Chuck Davis, and the African dancing Ensemble” workshop and demonstration at the Sports Centre on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Dates to remember:

May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chuck Davis and the African Dancing Ensemble
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sean and Liam Karam's, and Rahim Higgs' 5 <sup>th</sup> birthdays
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	“Trip to the Moon” play
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Midterm Break (no school)
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Midterm Break (no school)
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	National Hero's Day (no school)
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Hani Girvan's 5 <sup>th</sup> birthday



Have a great May and enjoy gardening with your little gardening enthusiast.

