

Dear Room 11 Parents,

This is the month of Earth Day! The Cub Scouts usually raise the Earth Day flag outside the front doors of the school. I will let you know more information if we get it scheduled. The students will begin to learn the Earth Day Pledge.

April is National Poetry Month. The students have already written some creative, descriptive poetry. Later in the month, Prartho Sereno, our professional poetry teacher, will be visiting the First Grade classes for five weeks to teach 5 poetry lessons. She will compliment the students' experience of using words to paint images and stretch the imagination. This is all sponsored by KIDDO. Thank you for supporting this fabulous organization!

The study of non-fiction continues in Room 11 in both reading and writing. The children are learning to find information in an Index and by checking the Table of Contents. They are aware of using various text features to learn more and get more out of the information being presented in a non-fiction book. We will wrap up our Tide Pool animal research and writing with our last animal this week. Everyone has done a great job of writing about the various animals.

After the break, we will begin to study Maps, Globes and Models. This is a fun unit for the children and has broad implications. It goes hand-in-hand with our non-fiction studies. The main focus is on our state, California.

The students are using non-standard units (linker cubes, paperclips, sticks, etc.) to measure the length of objects in the classroom. In the First Grade, students use non-standard units to secure the underlying principles of measurement. They learn to measure in a straight line, start at the beginning of the object, approximate, to not leave gaps or overlap the units, name the unit when writing or saying a measurement (for example, 7 snap cubes or 5 small paperclips), etc.

Finally, we have our field trip scheduled for this Thursday and the forecast is rain. But let's see as the weather is constantly changing! I will keep you posted on the plan.

Thank you so much!
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Volunteers This Week

W	Library 9:55-10:50	Deena Wardimon
TH	Art 9:55-10:50 (B Group)	Katie Moore

On the Calendar

Thu., Apr. 4	Field Trip - Tiburon Marsh 8:30-11:00
Apr. 8-12	No School - Spring Break
Tue., Apr. 30	Science Night 5:30-7:00 auditorium
Mon., May 27	No School - Memorial Day
Wed., May 29	Early Release at 12:15 - District Luncheon
Thu., Jun. 6	Open House - details TBA
Fri., Jun. 7	First Grade Picnic in Boyle Park 12:00-2:00
Mon., Jun. 10	Pen Pals Visit from Strawberry Point School 9:00-10:30
Thu., Jun. 13	Last Day of School - early release TBA

Sight Words: called, just, where, most, know (review)