

Happy Friday!

Although we have officially wrapped up our plant unit, we are continuing our investigation and learning as we keep a close eye on our grass seeds, lima bean plants, and most recently, our corn and radish sprouts! It has definitely helped now that we finally are getting some sunlight recently.

The end of this week, we began our big unit on weather. The timing of our ELA unit, "Weathers and Seasons" and our science themed weather study could not have worked out better! As we have begun sharing wonderings we have about weather, as a class, there seems to be a special interest in severe/extreme weather, tornadoes in particular. I will definitely be doing some research over the weekend to figure out some fun, and safe, ways to bring some of this to life in our classroom over the next couple of weeks ☺ Next week, we will also be talking specifically about cloud types and how meteorologists interpret cloud patterns to predict weather.

Below, you will find some important reminders and announcements for our class. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. Enjoy the weekend!

MAP Testing Just to let you know, our spring MAP testing is scheduled for this upcoming week- math will be taken Monday morning, and the reading portion will be taken Thursday morning. Thank you in advance for making sure that your child is on time- our testing begins both mornings promptly at 9am.

Pop Tabs Second grade teacher Kelsy Gillig has asked us to include this message in our letter to you this week regarding a pop tab collection here at OHE.

We have been collecting pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House all year long and it's time to turn them in, if you haven't already. Friday, April 20th will be the last day to turn in the tabs you've collected. All you have to do is send them to school with your students in a plastic bag. The metal recycling proceeds help to fund the services provided to the families and children who stay there. We appreciate all donations and thank you for being a part of this foundation.

Popcorn Words I am so sincerely sorry for getting behind over the past week and a half, for those of you waiting on me!! Some days, it can be tricky finding the time to get your kiddo one-on-one while the rest of the class is working independently so I can properly assess. Please do not hesitate to

shoot me an email to remind me or check-in on these, if you have not already ☺ I can use all of the reminders I can get these days!! Especially with the end of the year quickly approaching, I am hoping for some more Kinders to be added to our "Popcorn Word Masters" popcorn bag hanging in our room. Thanks for all of the time you are taking at home to help support your child's reading!

Ready to Read We have also been asked to share with you an opportunity for your child to work on some reading skills over the summer. Please see the attached document for more information.

Sight Words Our sight words this week: *his, or, then, and so.*

Soda Bottles Speaking of tornadoes, I was able to find a bottle connector to make a "tornado in a bottle"; however, I may have just as much difficulty in finding two 2-liter bottles! If you have any at home by chance that you'd be willing to send with your child next week, please let me know. Thank you in advance for keeping an eye out ☺

Talent Share You should have received a white letter today in your kiddo's red folder on Talent Share from Mrs. Hyer. If your child would like to sign up to participate, please help them complete the form found on the second page of this letter. It is due back no later than Friday, May 4th. I do remember from last year that this due date is the very last day that Mrs. Hyer will accept these forms, so please be sure that this comes back to school by this date. Thank you!

Upcoming Dates

- May 11th- Field Day @ Oxford Middle School from 1-3pm
- May 17th- Field Trip to Sealife
- May 18th- Talent Share @ 1:25pm in the Music Room
- May 25th - Last Day of School, Half Day; 11:45am dismissal

Warmly,
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