

Kindergarten News

May 2025

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What's Happening:

Happy May! It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of the 4th quarter. I am so proud of these kindergartners and have cherished every moment. These students have learned their letter names & sounds, counting forward and backwards, addition & subtraction, and are starting to write their own storybooks.

We are working on math fluency with addition and subtraction. Our goal is to solve 20 addition and subtraction problems within 5 in 2 minutes. To help with fluency we are working so hard to learn how to use number touch points. Keep up all the great work.

IRI:

Kindergarten will be taking the IRI (Idaho Reading Indicator) the week of May 5th-9th. Please make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep during this week!

ABC Letter Sounds & Names & Sight Words:

Keep practicing saying letter names and sounds at home. Work on how many sounds they can get in one minute for fluency. Keep working on Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4 words. I highly encourage students go through these cards multiple times a week.

Monthly Reading Challenge:

Complete as many of the challenges as you can before Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

Summer Birthday Bash:

We will have a dance party for all Kindergarten students who have a birthday over summer. They will get their crown, card, and bracelet from Mrs. Heath. They will get to celebrate with their peers on the second to last day of school.

All students are required to attend the **mandatory dress rehearsal** in preparation for our upcoming music performance. This is a full run-through. Attendance is essential to ensure everything runs smoothly.

When: Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Academic Standards

Math:

1. Count to 100 by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's.
2. Can count forward beyond 100.
3. Can count backwards from 30 consecutively.
4. Can write & identify numbers greater than 100 and make a model.
5. Students can create addition equations, when given the sum 10.
6. Students can create addition equations when given the sum of 0-9.
7. Students can add and subtract 20 problems in 2 minutes.
10. Student can identify a number, make a model using 10's and 1's, and write an equation for the number.

Reading:

1. Know letter names & sounds.
2. Fluently read all Quarter 1, 2, 3, & 4 sight words.
3. Student reads and uses question words to ask and answer questions about details in a story or non-fiction book with support.
4. Identifies the differences between different types of literacy genres (stories, poems, fiction, and non-fiction, etc.).
5. Students can create a detailed story with words and meaningful illustrations.

Social Studies:

1. Observe that all people have needs and wants.
2. Describe some jobs that people do to earn money.

Writing:

1. Write all letters of the alphabet.
2. Can use a variety of end punctuation marks correctly throughout their writing.
3. Students can write a story with events, using words and illustrations.
4. Can add details to strengthen their writing.

Science:

1. Using Force to Change Motion
 - *Pushes and Pulls
 - *Speed and Direction

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Library:

Our last library story time with Mrs. Malm will be Thursday, May 15th. **All books are due back by the week of May 12th.**

Water Bottles:

As the weather is getting warmer, please send a water bottle with your child each day.



Summer Practice Skills:

Attached is a resource I created to encourage reading and writing at home during the summer break. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events for May:

Elementary Music Concert:

- ❖ Wednesday, May 14, 2025
- ❖ 5:30pm
- ❖ Troy High School Gymnasium

Summer Birthday Bash:

- ❖ Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Early Release:

- ❖ Last Day of School:
 - Thursday, May 22, 2025
 - School Ends @ 1:15pm



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A note from Mrs. Heath

As we reach the end of this kindergarten year, I want to take a moment to say thank you from the bottom of my heart.

It has been an incredible journey watching your children grow, learn, and bloom. From the first day of school to our last, they have amazed me with their curiosity, creativity, kindness, and courage. We've explored letters and numbers, learned to work together, shared lots of giggles, and even braved a few tears each moment building the foundation for a lifetime of learning.

Your support at home, your encouragement, and your trust have played a huge part in making this a successful and joyful year. I feel so grateful to have been a small part of your child's learning journey.

As they take the next step into first grade, I hope they carry with them all the confidence, skills, and joy they discovered in our classroom. I will miss them dearly, but I'm so excited to see all they will achieve.

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with me this year. Have a safe, relaxing, and fun-filled summer!