



## Finch Newsletter 5-17-19

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Here are some reminders, information, and updates about our class.

- Please call the Office for transportation changes: 625-3101 (before 2:00 please).
- Attendance Line: Can call anytime: 625-5858
- Please make sure you are checking the May calendar your child brought home. May is a very busy month and I've tried to put as many things as I could on the calendar to help.
- ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE! Your child will not bring home any more library books this school year.
- Last box tops contest: Boxtops are due by May 23. Please put in a baggie and label: Finch
- No School: Friday May 24 and Monday May 27
- Wacky Olympics: May 31 from 9:00-11:15
- This is often the time of year when students can lose focus and/or become less patient with each other. I have noticed some of this happening in our class. Please encourage your child to keep being a CARS kid (caring, accountable, respectful, and safe). Thanks for supporting your child these last few weeks of school. We can finish on a positive note!

Here is what we have been learning. Please ask your child to elaborate.

**Reading:** CAFE (C=comprehension; A=accuracy; F=fluency; E=expanding vocabulary).

C- We focused on recognizing the point of view of different characters in stories.

A- We focused on r controlled syllables, as well as the sight words (scientist, wherever, everything, ahead, somehow, pretended, afternoon, anyone, trouble, throughout). We are also working on decoding small words and bigger words as reading.

F- We are having independent reading time each day, working on our stamina as readers. We also have a buddy reading time. We also read fluency packs of poems. This week we focused on pronunciation when reading.

E- We focused on the vocabulary words (create, dazzling, imagination, seconds)

**Spelling:** Please continue to help/encourage your child to study the spelling patterns for each week.

**Writing:** We have been writing to prompts this week to give students continued practice writing to a given topic. I encourage you to buy your child notebooks for this summer. Writing through the summer will be great for your child! We have also started doing some cursive writing. They are enjoying this but are finding it challenging :)

**Math:**

We finished Chapter 10: Telling Time. Our last math chapter will be Geometric Shapes

**Science:** We have finished our unit: Earth science. Now we will be investigating Plants

**Homework:** Please make sure all homework is turned in Monday. This is the last homework due date :) It has been amazing how much support students have had completing and returning homework this year. Thank you! Students have shown accountability and developed a great work ethic.

Mrs. Finch