

## ***NEWS FROM KOLKMAN'S KINDERS***

It's finally spring! And with that, comes constantly changing weather. Please continue to send your child to school with appropriate clothing for going outdoors. A winter coat could still be necessary some days!

This is what kindergarten will be working on during the month of April:

**Reading and Writing** – Along with our new sight words to practice each week, we will be focusing on the long vowel sounds with “silent, magic e” at the end (example, “can” turns into “cane,” “mad” turns into “made”). Many students are still struggling with how to take one of our sight words and write their own sentences that *makes sense*. We work on this daily in class. Students' writing grades reflect if they can write a sentence on their own that makes sense, begins with an uppercase letter, ends with a punctuation mark, and has good space between each word. We have also begun using all 3 types of punctuation marks at the end of sentences.

**Math** – continuing with 2D and 3D shapes, then moving on to different types of measurement. We are also always practicing our addition and subtraction and counting by 10's and 5's.

**Science** – changing weather, signs of spring and plant needs.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Spring Break March 30-April 3. We will be back on Monday, April 6.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grade reports will be coming home after spring break.
- Eagle Marsh field trip will be at the end of April. More info coming home Soon.
- End-of-year testing begins at the end of April.
- Field trip to Safety Village on May 5.
- Junior Achievement on May 8.
- Kindergarten graduation is *tentatively* set for Friday, May 15.

*Please check the take-home folders every evening for notes and homework!*