

# Mrs. Graber's Kindergarten News

May 2011

## Famous Artists



## Look at what we have been doing...

WOW, this school year is going by so fast! It's hard to believe that April is almost over. I am seeing huge growth in many children ☺ This time of year we are also expecting more from the kids academically, socially and behaviorally. You may have heard your child mention that first grade is coming. I've definitely been giving the "we need to get ready for first grade" talk. Many kids are doing great but some of us do need reminders to do our best and be respectful of friends and adults. Our new behavior stick chart is working very well! We are all working towards a fun party... maybe a movie with popcorn or a picnic outside!

Our chick eggs arrived this week! It will take 21 days for them to become baby chicks, but it will be lots of fun learning about their life cycle and taking care of them. We will take turns turning the eggs each day and next week we will candle the eggs to see what is happening inside the egg! Many of the children remember seeing the chicks when they visited Kindergarten last year so we are all very excited!

## A few other highlights from this week...

- KidPix art inspired by Mondrian (on webpage)
- Painting like Seurat
- Painting like Van Gogh: "Sunflowers" and "The Starry Night"
- Making art folders
- Famous paintings memory/matching games
- Finding things in art
- Getting ready for our "Mother's Day Tea" ☺
- From Egg to Chick Journals

## Sharing & Upcoming Themes

Please help your child remember to come prepared for Sharing. This is our Kindergarten homework ☺ Thanks!

Week of 5/2 - Our Famous Artists theme continues, you can bring any thing related to art (even something you made!) or something about Picasso or Monet

Week of 5/9 - We will be learning about Oviparous Animals (animals that hatch from eggs). Please bring something related.

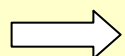
Week of 5/16 - We will continue our theme on Oviparous Animals (our chicks hatch this week!). NO SHARING this week.

**If you haven't done so already, please return your child's report card envelope and comment sheet. Thanks!**

**Today I am sending home a May activity packet. This is OPTIONAL work/fun that your child can complete at home.**

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 4/29, 5/18, 5/27 - "Grandma Tippytoes" (Diane Payette) visits Kindergarten!
- ◆ Fri., 5/6 - Mother's Day Tea, 9:30-10:30
- ◆ Wed., 5/18 - PTA meeting, 7pm
- ◆ Fri., 5/20 - Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration, 1:15pm (outside)
- ◆ 5/30 - No school



## Reading and Learning at Home

Just a reminder to be sure to be reading the little books that are coming home. We will continue little books through most of May. I also sent home list two of the sight words with many children. If your child mastered a list, they were sent home with the next list. I can definitely tell that many kids have been practicing at home!

Please also look for opportunities to write at home. We are working in our "Egg to Chick" journals and focusing a lot on handwriting, spaces and using uppercase and lowercase letters appropriately.

Check out our class webpage to see some new pictures of us! We also have new work posted in our computer lab section!  
[www.shenet.org/karigon/kgraber/kgraber.htm](http://www.shenet.org/karigon/kgraber/kgraber.htm)

## Some very important dates to remember...

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30-10:30: Mother's Day Tea, please join us for some snacks and singing

Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30-10:30: Donuts with Dad (for Father's Day). Please join us for donuts and dancing!

These are important celebrations in Kindergarten and we look forward to sharing with our parents. Please plan on attending. If you can't make it, please consider sending a grandma or grandpa. Also, please let me know if there are any concerns.

## Reminder...Computer Fun!

Another fun site we visited is Bookflix. Please help your child visit this site...

<http://bkflix.grolier.com/>  
 username: shencsd  
 password: bookflix

## WEBSITE REMINDER

[www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)  
 click on "Find a List" and search for my name: Kristen Graber. When you do that you can play a variety of games with sight word lists #1, 2, 3.

## Overheard in Kindergarten...

- Student 1: "This took me 2 days to make." Student 2: "Wow, it looks like it took at least 3 days."
- "Turn off your TV week is so boring."
- "I'm sorry Mrs. Graber, I knew that but I didn't want to embarrass you."
- "Can I please take chicks home? I'm not asking my mom because she'll say no way."
- "I knew I was a good artist."
- "There is no way first grade is this fun."
- "This is why I don't want to eat eggs. How could I eat something that makes baby chicks?"

## Character Word of the Month: TRUSTWORTHINESS

Our Newsletter is also available online on our class webpage in case you misplace this paper copy

[www.shenet.org/karigon/kgraber/kgraber.htm](http://www.shenet.org/karigon/kgraber/kgraber.htm)

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