



# Smith Spectacular May 2, 2018



Smith School has set a goal for the month of May. We are tracking attendance and tardies to see if we can raise our daily % of students who are at school on time. We can do it! Studies show attendance plays an important role in the success of students! We love to see everyone, everyday, on time.

## **Kindergarten**

In math, kindergarten has been working on 2-dimensional shapes (flats) and 3-dimensional shapes (solids). We have also been comparing items based on attributes like length, capacity, and weight. We also continue to practice with our addition and subtraction facts.

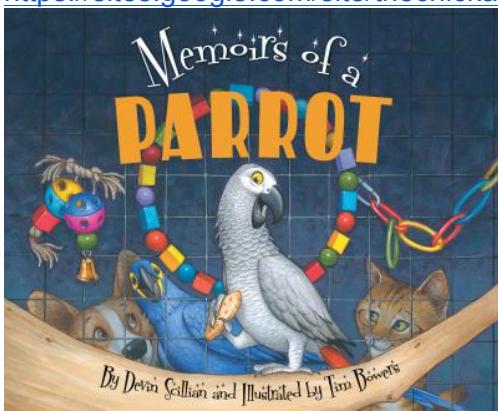
Kindergarten has been sharing our opinions on a wide variety of things in writing. We have been letting others know what our favorite foods are, which books are our favorites, what things we see around our school, and what things we would like to see changed.

IN READING, KINDERGARTEN CONTINUES TO WORK ON OUR SKILLS READING STORIES AND THEN RETELLING WHAT WE HAVE READ; INCLUDING THINGS LIKE WHO WAS IN THE STORY AND WHAT THEY DID. WE ARE ALSO PRACTICING WORD FAMILIES, DIGRAPHS (LIKE SH, CH, AND TH), AND COMPOUND WORDS, WHICH ARE WORDS LIKE DOGHOUSE, MADE OF THE WORDS DOG PLUS HOUSE.

Kindergarten is looking forward to spending the next 2 months learning and having fun!!

## Library

The votes are in! The winner of the Chickadee Award for our school and for the State of Maine is *Memoirs of a Parrot* by Devin Scillian. The 10 Chickadee Award nominees for next school year have been announced, check them out at <https://sites.google.com/site/thechickadeeaward/> .



## First Grade

Readers and Writers in First Grade have been working so hard to improve their skills! Now that we have mastered strategies for reading tricky words, we can focus on thinking about the books that we read. We are exploring comprehension strategies like Picturing, Guessing, Wondering, and Connecting. Also, we have studied literary genres! We learned about many different kinds of books: Realistic Fiction, Fantasy, Informational, Traditional Literature, Biography, and Autobiography.

As writers we have learned how to write our opinion with our first opinion writing unit! First Graders are writing about what they think and feel, good or bad, and giving reasons why they feel the way they do. Now we are learning how to write realistic fiction stories. We get to make up our own characters and send them on adventures! It's important that our stories have a beginning, middle, and end. We are excited to share our stories with Kindergarten in June!

First Graders are finishing up our Goods and Services unit in Social Studies. Students have learned several important economic terms, including: **consumer**, **goods**, **services**, **wants**, **needs**, and **income**. We have learned about how people earn an income doing various jobs, and how those jobs provide a community with goods and services. Students have completed a "Community Helper" project to wrap up this unit. They start with a planning sheet, and work on cutting out and dressing a character (themselves) for work. They also made a business card to advertise the job that they chose. Each student's character, complete with tools for their job, and business card, will be on display outside of each of the first grade classrooms! Please stop by sometime soon to check out our work!

First graders are really working hard and learning so much in math because of our new math program. We have spent the last three topics practicing place value. We have worked on building our knowledge of the tens and ones place, how to model numbers by drawing base 10 blocks, comparing numbers and using models and strategies to add tens and ones. It is often hard for students to understand we WANT them to show their work with drawings as it helps us better understand their thinking. We are excited to move onto using models and strategies to subtract tens. Thank you for your support with the math homework!

NWEA testing for grades K-4 will be May 21-31.



A SLICE OF PIE!

**(Partners in Education)**

Mark your calendar...The date of the Smith School Variety Show has been moved to **Friday, June 8th**. There will be a school day show as well as an

evening performance. Come for pizza starting at 5:00, followed by the Variety Show at 6:00. PIE enjoyed some fabulous entertainment at the Preview of Acts. Thanks to this year's performers for joining the show.

PIE would like to celebrate the teachers and staff of Smith School during "**Staff Appreciation Week**" on May 7th- 11th. Be on the lookout for a flyer going home in backpacks this week with information on how you can help. Thanks to everyone who is helping to raise money for Smith School by clipping and saving Box Tops, donating Coke product "Give" caps, and using Amazon Smile when shopping on Amazon. PIE appreciates your support! The next PIE meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30** in the library.

#### Upcoming Events.

April 30-May 4: BOGO book fair

May 3: HA Play 9:30-10:30 Entire school attends

May 8: 4th grade recorder concert Wagner

May 10: 1st and 3rd grade concert

May 11: 4th grade celebration (Parent run)

May 14-18: Children's Stage Adventures

May 18: Nighttime performance: Children's Stage Adventures

May 21-May 31: NWEA window

May 21: 4th grade to Bangor Symphony Orchestra - UMaine

**May 25: Early Dismissal 11:30**

May 28: NO School

May 31: East Coast Tour visiting 8:00 @ Smith

June 8: Variety Show 5-8

June 5: Field Day (2-4 morning) (K-1 afternoon)

June 7: 1st Grade field trip to Mosman Park (rain date June 8)

June 7: 2nd grade field trip to Fort Knox

June 11: Kindergarten's last Day

June 11: 4th Grade Field Trip to Sports Arena

June 12-14: K screening

June 13: Library Walk; first grade

June 14: Last student day; 8:00 fourth grade All School