

Funderburk Room 18 Multi-Age *Penultimate* Newsletter Vol. 14

May 27 – June 10, 2019

“Everything is going to be fine in the end. If it's not fine, it's not the end.”

— Oscar Wilde

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Memorial Day** – No School – Monday May 27
- **Maine Marimba Ensemble Visit** – **Wednesday May 29th** – *we have a classroom visit in the early afternoon and later in the day a full assembly performance* – More on the presentation [HERE](#)
- **Final Day/Week to Check Out Library books** – Monday June 3
- **Step Up Day for Future 3rd Graders** – Tuesday June 4, walking trip to HBS – 9:00 – 10:15 am
- **Multi-Age Feast & Festival Celebration** – **Thursday June 6, 5:30 – 7:00 PM**
- **2nd Grade “Farewell” Gathering** – Saturday June 8 or June 15th – 1-2:30 PM, Nathaniel Davis Park
- **Library Books Due/Final Library visit** – Monday June 10
- **Maine State Music Theater Walking Field Trip** – *Snow White* – Wednesday June 12, 10 AM
- **Maine Wildlife Park Field Trip**– Friday June 14 – All Day
- **Curtis Memorial Library** – Walking Field Trip – Monday June 17, afternoon
- **Coffin School Field Day** – Wednesday June 19

This Week (and Next Week):

- **Reading:** Learning lessons, reviewing how to retell and summarize a story, more book talks. We’re also reading *A Dog’s Porpoise* (different from *A Dog’s Purpose*) and giving plenty of time to discuss
- **Writing:** We are integrating our writing with our study group science projects. Everyone is learning something about note taking, rewriting, and editing. Next week we will start a short unit on Poetry.
- **Math (grade 1): Chapter 16 – Adding Numbers to 100**
- **Math (grade 2): Customary Units of Length**, followed by **Picture Graphs**
- **Science** – We have one final unit that we’ll cover in June – **Physical Changes** – simple concept but fun, interactive, & explorative experiments are being planned after we come down from our Feast & Festival

Classroom Updates

- **Telling Room Grant** - Portland high school authors have published a book titled *Little Bird’s Flock* that has been supplied our classrooms and read to our students. We have been working with The Telling Room to set up an author Q & A which may turn into a video Q & A about the writing process.
- **Feast & Festival** – Our Feast & Festival will be on June 6 from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM. All family members are invited to bring a potluck dish. A majority of the evening revolves around celebration of student work - animal research projects, our study groups on : community, Wabanaki, Cultures Around the World, and Maps AND song/performance of a few songs related to these content areas.
- **Field Day** – Permission form due soon, this **TUESDAY** (green in color, which is also the color of the Maine Wildlife trip form) & includes information on:
 - Volunteering info
 - \$5 cost for Field Day t-shirt
 - lunch order*Stay tuned for more Field Day info coming in two weeks, including details on what to send to school*
- **2nd Grade “Farewell” Gathering** – This has been a class tradition for “graduating” second graders. We’ll plan to convene for a short afternoon at Nathaniel Davis Park on Saturday June 8th or 15th – I’ll reach out to parents and determine the best date soon. We’ll likely have families bring drinks & snacks.
- **Incoming 2nd Grade Gathering** – We will meet with future 2nd graders in August as well – stay tuned!

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