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* 12/18 – Early Release (1:15)
* 6/3 – Gator Fest
* 6/6 – Track-In Day
* 6/10 – Field Day
* 6/14 – Libby’s Birthday!
* 6/27 – End of Year Performance

**Literacy:** Our Guided Reading groups are up and running and going well! Students will continue to work on developing independence during Literacy centers. This week we will focus on reviewing the standards we have learned so far this quarter. We are going to begin mClass testing this week. The reading level goal for end of kindergarten / start of first grade is a D.

**Phonics:** This week in Word Work we are going to be practicing long vowels. We will learn what each vowel say and work on identifying the vowel in CVC and CVCe words.

**Sight Words:** I, at, is, to like, me, the, it, am, and, went, a, come, in, here, go, see, my, you, look, up, said, we, on, can, play, an, got, for, with, one, his, she, have, no, will, he, get, because, are, they, of, not, was, yes, where, there, then, from, saw, day, run, big, out, down, did, make, after**.** **New Words: no new words this week. Keep practicing the words we have. Your child needs to be able to write and read these words “in a snap”! The students feel so proud when they accomplish these words!**

**Writing:** We are working on making the students more confident in their writing and to enjoy writing. We are going to be working on our class book this week! We are making a class book about what the students want to be when they grow up! Every student will have a page with their writing and picture in the book! We are going to have the book published by a publishing company! We will continue to work hard on “Being a Smartie Speller” while we write. Our Kindergartners are really working hard on applying their letter/sound knowledge to the writing of words and sentences.

**Math:** In Math class we will be practicing counting by ones and tens using a hundreds chart. We are going to begin working on word problems this week by acting out stories and using lots of manipulatives to solve problems. We will be learning strategies to help us identify if the word problem is an addition or subtraction problem. We will continue working in small groups during centers, students will practice staying on task, using a quiet voice, and working cooperatively with others.

**Science:** This week, we will be starting our Animals 2X2 Unit in Science. We will be talking about living and non-living things, looking and observing some animals and bugs (fish, worms, snails, pill bugs), and I will be sharing our Animal Report that the students did over track-out.

# Reminders/Further Information

* Please remember to check the GREEN ALLIGATOR folder daily and return it to school. Remove anything in the “Keep at Home” side and check the “Return to School” side for important notes/info.
* Homework is sent home at the beginning of the month. It is optional to do. It reviews all the concepts that we are working on in class. Keep the packet at home until it is completed and send it back to school at the end of the month.
* On Friday, June 10th, we will have our Field Day celebration (weather permitting)! Our Field Day time is in the morning from 9:30 – 11:30. There will be games held on the front field that the students will get to play. Some of the games will include water and your student may get a little wet. You may like to send a change of clothes encase your student gets too wet. The PTA will have popsicles for students at the conclusion of Field Day.
* We are working hard on following directions. We are slowly making progress. We are going to keep reviewing the classroom rules and working on this.
* Please send a water bottle in with your student each day for recess. It gets hot out there!
* Mark your calendars! On June 27 at 10 a.m. we will be holding our end of year performance for Track 2! Every student will get 3 tickets for their family to come to the performance. Please send in $2 to help us purchase the students costumes for the performance.
* The Last Day of School is on June 30th!
* If you are interested in ordering Scholastic books visit [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com), our “book club” class code is: N8ZZF.

# Important Dates

# Curriculum News

Monday: Science

Tuesday: Readers Theater

Wednesday: Media

Thursday: P.E.

Friday: Art

# Specials

Ms. Dodson’s Classroom Newsletter

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