

# Kindergarten News

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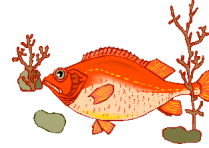


We started working on a few surprises for the Mother's Day Tea. The children planned the menu last week and volunteered you each to bring an item they thought you would enjoy. We'll send a note home next week letting you know what you're signed up for.

Congratulations to Kylee on winning the SMART drawing at MMO this morning. She walked away with a huge handful of nickels thanks to her generous parents. The other kids wanted to know how they could have a chance at that, too. It's easy--you just have to turn in items for the SMART auction! Your child's name will be entered into the drawing one time for each item procured.



ITBS testing is off to a great start! The kids took the Vocabulary and Word Analysis tests today and will continue with Listening and Language tomorrow. There were some tough vocab words to figure out--vacant, doze, inflate, trim..., but no complaints from any of the kids. Our goal is to keep this test completely STRESS free for the kids and for you, too! This is their first experience with a test like this and they really are doing an amazing job. Tomorrow's test will begin right after we finish our morning business, so please avoid any unnecessary tardies.



Our art center is being transformed into a **kindergarten zoo** (to go with all the monkeys we already have!). The kids are welcome to bring in critters for observation. Please send it in something that it'll be safe in for the day and we'll send it home at the end of the day. We'll be adding goldfish, snails and worms to our "zoo." Our FOSS curriculum, *Animals 2X2*, will be our science guide these next several weeks, but we'll be adding in lots of extras too. We will be observing and studying fish next week. We are very sad to report that none of our chick eggs hatched....



## BEACH DAY!!

Included in today's envelope was information about BEACH day this Friday. Please help your child come to school prepared for a fun day at the beach. Thank you to Tristan's mom, Emilie, for sharing her expertise on making leis and first grade Ellie for teaching us a little hula dancing. We are looking forward to a great day!