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**Ms. May’s News**



Please check out our classroom website! yesmamay.weebly.com

Our Friday Journals have been so fun to read! Thank you for being an active part in your child’s learning!

We will be leaving the school at 8:15 on Wednesday to head to the Denver Zoo. Please make sure you have your child ready to go and they remain on their best behavior. We are very excited and blessed to be able to visit the zoo.

Our class color is PURPLE. To make things a little less chaotic, please have your child wear a purple shirt to school on Wednesday!

**Thursday, Oct. 8:** **P Day**- Art & Library

**Read Well**- Please practice reading the homework your child may bring home. We are practicing making our reading sound more fluid, as if we were talking instead of sounding like a robot. We are trying to stay on schedule to test each week on Thursdays. Any time spent at home practicing would help develop strong reading skills.

**Reading (Daily5) –**To become better readers, there are some skills we must develop. This week we will be learning four basic skills: Checking for Understanding, Cross Checking, Tuning into Interesting Words and Backing up to Reread. Each of these skills will help us to better understand what we are reading. When reading at home, please make sure we are spending time talking about what we are reading before and after we finish reading. We will also be talking about sequence of events and action verbs.

**Phonics (Fundations) –** We are working our way through the short vowel sounds. This week we will be focusing on the short o. We will also be working with diagraphs, when two letters come together and make a new sound (sh, th, wh, ch and ck).

**Science**- We will be ending our animal unit with a research project on a given mammal. We will work in small groups to dive deeper in our knowledge on specific mammals.

**Math**- We are starting to subtract! We will be using object and pictures to help us understand the concepts of subtraction. Comparing groups is also a topic we will start covering. Common vocabulary you might hear: *take away*, *how many is left, which group has more, which group has less,* etc.

**Friday, Oct. 9:** No Specials

Early Release: 12:45 Dismissal

**Wednesday, Oct. 7: Field Trip to the Zoo!** \*Bring a Lunch!

**Tuesday, Oct. 6**: **A Day**- P.E. & Tech

Fire Safety

**Monday, Oct. 5**: **P Day**- Art & Library

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