

What's Happening the week of May 1, 2017

**Language Arts and Reading** – Objectives: Reading fluency and comprehension; effective written communication.

*We will enjoy more literature from Europe; journaling will include taking dictation.*

*Phonics – small group work continues.*

*Ongoing Literacy Activities include Morning Message; The “Daily News” (which this week will be reports on European landmarks); weather report; Letter/Word Wall work; sight word work. TEKS 110.11*

**Math** – Objectives: Improved computational and analytical skills.

*We will write equations and use them to solve oral story problems. We'll count backwards and forward by 1s, 5s, and 10s. We continue to practice telling time with individual analog clock faces. (111.12 TEKS)*

**Science** – Objectives: understanding the relationship between ladybugs and our gardens; continuing the study of decomposition and care of the planet; understanding the responsible way to manage trash and waste; using scientific method – predicting, observing, recording.

*We'll read about Ladybugs in our LFO magazine. Mrs. Youngjohn will continue the study of decomposition – Were our predictions accurate? What conclusions can we draw? (112.11 TEKS)*

**Social Studies** – Objectives are to learn about famous places in Europe, maps skills.

*The children will share their reports about their assigned European landmarks. We will have a guest speaker to give us information about Russia.*

**Physical Education** – Objectives: Personal fitness; interpersonal communication and conflict resolution skills.

*Playing “Batter Up”, exploring the “forest” (the part of the ball field with trees), balancing, ball skills. (16.2 TEKS)*

**Art, Music** – Objectives: children will gain confidence speaking before peers, personal expression using various media.

*ART – Easel and watercolor painting and drawing, both inside and out.*

*MUSIC – We'll review instrument families, music vocabulary and rhythm. We'll hear Grieg's “In the Hall of the Mountain King” while hearing the story on which it is based. (TEKS 117.104, 117.103, 117.102)*

**Faith Formation** – We will sing and hear the story of the wise man and the foolish man and wonder together about the implications for our lives.

**Technology** - Computer with Mr. Steve.

## Home/School Connection

- *Read daily!*
- *Help your child with sight words.*
- *Help your child count backwards. Start with different numbers. In class, we are starting at 40 and going backwards.*

## LOOKING AHEAD:

May 5 – Mart – Bernard; Guinea pigs – Noah

