Happy Friday Everyone!

It is hard to believe we only have 15 more school days left in kindergarten. The children have made tremendous progress over these many months and I know they are going off to grade one with wonderful hopes and dreams for a good experience. They are ready for it, that’s for sure. Each day I tell them they are doing such a wonderful job that they should be sent off right now. This brings on giggles of delight.

We are finishing our discussions and study of the farm unit. I think the highlight has to be our hatching experience and this year has been wonderful for all of us. Another tremendous resource for the farm unit is Mrs. Piper herself. She lives on a farm with her family and over the years they have had lots of pets who are farm animals. The children were delighted to hear about the family’s goat that woke them up by butting his head into their house, damaging the house itself. She has many farm stories to share with eager listeners.

Many families tuned in to the hatching and brooder action all week on ustream.com. You can find many pieces recorded on their web site for viewing again. We are still looking for some interested families to adopt the ducklings. I will be posting a message on the Tractor Supply community bulletin board this weekend. You can contact me through school email if interested. Here’s the link to the recorded and live feed from ustream.

http://www.ustream.tv/channel/mrs.-poulin%27s-kindergarten-class

While the live feed runs for many hours, the recording only works for about 3 hours at a time. We still have 5 eggs that are expected to hatch this week. It will be interesting to see how our children react this time. We have taken a few pictures of the children and I’ll get the prints home to you soon. This time spent living and learning with the ducklings will be a treasured memory for many years to come.

Here’s a sample grin.

Dates to keep in mind:

Mon. 5/30 – no school Memorial Day observance
Thurs. 6/9 – Field Day
(Fri. 6/10 – Rain Date Field Day)

I know that Mr. Hallett is always looking for parent volunteers on Field Day to run the events for all of the classes. Please contact him if you can schedule some time. You may volunteer for the whole day (about 8:30- 2:00) or any part of the day you’re available. The actual time for kindergarten participation in the past has been 10-1:30. I do not need parent volunteers myself on Field Day but volunteers and other interested parents may drop by. Again I don’t have the schedule for that day and won’t have it until the day before the earliest. We generally get to have our lunch break first, and we share the time with grades 1 and 2, all eating outside on the ground. Your child may elect to bring lunch from home instead. The hot lunch price will be charged for all students, teachers, and volunteers who want to buy it.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families. We will begin a new unit on oceans and tide pools very soon. Have any interesting shells to share? We would enjoy seeing them.

Regards,
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