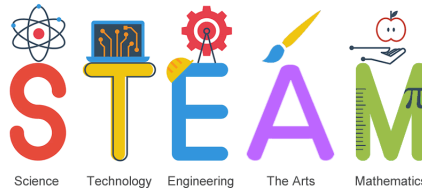




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# Leader Lab News



May 10, 2018

## Parent Reminder

We have several upcoming opportunities for parents to attend events at school. See the dates below. Please be sure to sign in on the Leader Lab parent involvement sheet located in Ms. Brown's room for any events or conference you attend. Thanks for your participation!

## Ms. Warren's Words

Have you noticed your child shutting down when trying to solve a problem or doing something difficult? Research shows that board games can help kids improve their strategic thinking skills, problem solving skills, and social skills. This month, the kids will have a choice to play various board games such as, Monopoly, Connect Four, Checkers, Kerplunk, Jenga, and Jr. Scrabble. The best part about playing these board games -it's FUN! And sometimes they don't even realize they are exercising their brains.

## Important May Dates

5/3-5/7: 4th Grade GMAS

5/4: Last Day for Book Check-out; 2nd & 5th Grade Field Trips

5/7-11: TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

5/9: 3rd-5th Field Day (Kona Ice)

5/10: Kindergarten Round-Up @ MCES, 9am-2pm & 3-6pm; 6th Grade Orientation (@Middle Schools), 6-7:30pm

5/11: Kdg-2nd Grade Field Day (Kona Ice); All Library Books DUE

5/17: Talent Show/Leadership Night @ 6pm

5/21: 1st-4th Grade LEADer Awards (during specials); 5th Grade Celebration/Awards, LSHS Auditorium, 6pm

5/22: Kdg Show, Awards & Parties @ 8:30am

5/23: Kdg-3rd Grade Reading & Math Celebrations

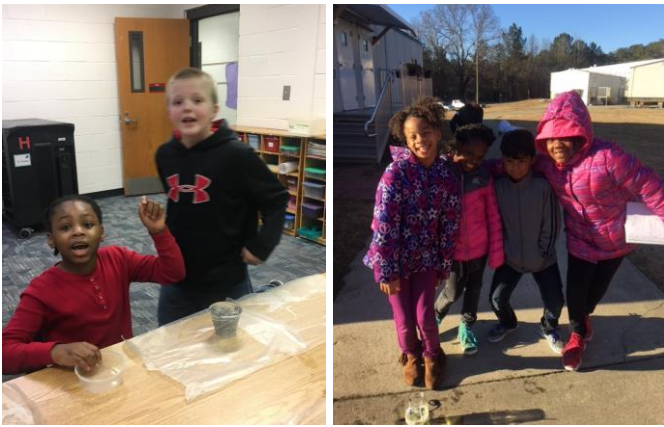
5/24: 11:30 DISMISSAL  
4th-5th Reading & Math Celebrations  
5th Grade Parties & WALK

5/25: 11:30 DISMISSAL--LAST DAY OF SCHOOL & Report Card  
1st-4th Grade Parties (Kona Ice)



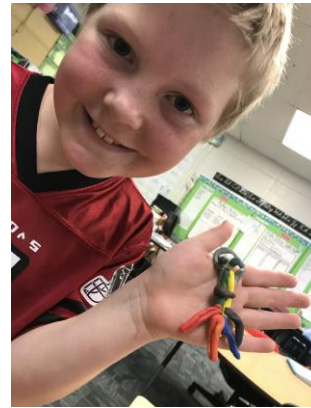
### Ms. Flynn's Footnotes

My kids have been building a 3D geometry city, learning about metric measurements through fun stations, playing games with coordinate grids, and experimenting with chemical and physical changes. We've made Gak, bouncy balls, and explosions!



### Mrs. Davis' Dashboard

While Mrs. Deese is on Maternity leave, Mrs. Davis has continued to nurture the students' appreciation of art through "clay play!" Students have learned how to condition, mix, and mold various clay colors. 3rd graders have discovered that heat energy helps to soften clay, while 4th and 5th graders use their understanding of primary, secondary and intermediate colors to create new colors. Each "clay play" day ends with a few moments to create their very own sculpture.



### Mrs. Squire's Snapshot

We have explored some new websites that focus on improving our keyboarding skills. A great one that reaches many levels of typing is <https://www.typingclub.com/>. To add variation to our coding skills, the students have explored this coding site: <https://scratch.mit.edu/>. It provides many tutorials through videos so the students are able to work at their own pace and comfort level with coding.



Summer School – June 5<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

### Ms. Bonner's Bulletin

The cooking class has been working on many fun and different recipes this month! The kids learned to make chicken salad, whoopee pies, vanilla pudding fruit dip and cheese stuffed baked sweet peppers. Although a few of the ingredients were new and a bit challenging to some of the kids, they all participated and went out of their comfort zones to try everything! I am very proud of every single one of my students and hope they continue to cook, learn and experience new foods over the summer!