

The Cub Courier

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Upcoming Events:

May 4: Kindergarten Orientation 7:00 at OHHS Student Union Building

May 5: Kindergarten Registration at CHE 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

May 5: MSP begins!

May 12: PTA meeting 3:30 in the staff lounge, followed by a volunteer appreciation reception

May 19: Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon 12:00 in the staff lounge

May 28: 5th grade music assembly 10:00 a.m.

May 31/June 1:
NO SCHOOL

Kindergarten Registration

If you or someone you know is planning to register a child for kindergarten, please be sure to review the following information:

There will be a Kindergarten Orientation Night on May 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the OHHS Student Union Building.

On May 5, kindergarten registration begins! Please stop by the school from 8:00 to 5:00 to register your child! To register, you will need:

- ⇒ a copy of your child's birth certificate, showing they will be 5 years old before Aug. 31, 2010;
- ⇒ Address verification such as a bill or driver's license;
- ⇒ Immunization information
- ⇒ Emergency contact and day care information.

We'll look forward to seeing you!!!

MSP Arrives!!!

Beginning Wednesday, May 5, we will begin testing for the Measurements of Academic Progress (the new WASL). All third through fifth grade students will be testing in reading and math, and in addition fourth graders will be assessed in writing and fifth graders in science.

The changes to the test this year, other than the new name, are that the test is shorter and will be completed in fewer days than before.

Please make sure your third through fifth grade child comes to school with plenty of rest and a good breakfast these next two weeks! We're looking forward to seeing how well CHE kids do!!!

What We Did on Monday

On April 19, staff spent time in team meetings. On April 26, we trained for MSP test administration.

Teacher Appreciation Week

We appreciate our teachers! May 3-7 is Teacher Appreciation Week. If you get a chance, while picking up your child or dropping them off, tell your child's teacher something you've enjoyed this year!

Title I Corner

There will be no Coffee Talk in May due to MSP testing. Please mark your calendars for our last Coffee Talk on June 9. The topic will be transitioning to the next grade level. Parents will be visiting classrooms of upcoming grade level teachers after school from 3:30-4:30.

Classroom Updates

Please read below for updates on what our students are doing!

Kindergarten

Kindergarten May 3-14th

Reading

With the upcoming pairing of letters “Q” and “U” we will have worked our way through the entire alphabet! We are learning our sight words and becoming good beginning readers.

Math

Our last unit of the year is How Many in All? Making surveys, collecting and sorting, doing inventories, and reporting on our research are all part of this fun quarter.

Science

From fish and snails we’re moving on to bugs and worms! “Cool”

First Grade

In first grade we are learning the long **i** sound and next week we will cover the **ou** and **ow** sounds as in cloud and cow. These sounds will appear in our weekly spelling words.

We are also focusing on our field trip to Deception Park. The focus of our trip will be plant identification, the sand dunes, the bog, and animal habitats. Permission slips for the trip will go home Monday, May 3rd and please return as soon as possible. Students will have a choice to bring a lunch from home or a sack lunch from school. Lunch notes will also go home on the 3rd and must be returned by Friday, May 7th.

Second Grade

In 2nd grade, we’re continuing what we worked on at the beginning of the month:

In Reading, we are currently reading non-fiction books. We are also focusing on using graphic aids to assist comprehension.

In Writing, we will practice note taking.

In Math, we are beginning a unit about collecting and representing data.

In Science, we are continuing the unit about plants. The students will be doing a computer research project (webquest) about plants over beginning the week of April 26th.

To prepare for the trip the second graders will be doing another webquest about whales beginning the week of May 17.

June 3rd and 4th –Second grade field trip to Friday Harbor Whale Museum

Third/Fourth Grade

For the week leading up to April 30th all classes are measuring matter which connects science with math elements. Units of study have been length, area, mass, perimeter, time, and symmetry. From Tuesday May 4th to Thursday May 13th there will be MSP assessments in progress. There will be NO HOMEWORK during this time. Homework will resume on May 17th. Following the state testing we will be starting our study of Whidbey Island in preparation for the field trip in early June.

Fifth Grade

Time is sure flying in the 5th grade. Your students worked very hard on the Measurement of Student Progress in Reading, Math and Science. We should all be very proud of them.

For the weeks of May 17-May 28 we will be working on the following:

In Reading, we will be working on robust vocabulary, spelling and stories for Lesson 28 and 29. In Math, we are beginning a unit on Data called: Data: Kids, Cats and Ads. In Science, Mrs. Price is on Mixtures and Solutions and Poole is finishing up Environments. In Social Studies, We will be studying the Declaration of Independence, The Constitution and the Bill of Rights