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**BIRTHDAYS**:

Please remember that birthdays will be acknowledged in class with a pencil, sticker, and card.  **Summer birthdays will be acknowledged in June.** Please do not forget about these alternatives to sending sugary birthday snacks at lunchtime:

* donating a copy of your child’s favorite book, inscribed with his or her name and birthdate: for the school library or classroom
* juice boxes for lunchtime
* bagged snacks such as Pirate’s Booty

Birthday snacks are absolutely NOT required. If you are sending them, please understand they will only be distributed at lunchtime, in the lunchroom.

**Upcoming field trip for third grade:**

**Wed. May 18** Ms. Mathews’s class to Genesee Park for a hike and to learn about Colorado wildlife and its habitat. No fee. Our schedule will be completely different on this day. Lunch will be at school at 11:25 a.m. Specials will be at 9:30 (art). We will attend a dress rehearsal of the 5th grade wax museum from 11:00-11:20 in the 5th grade classrooms. Please still bring coins for the wax museum. We will leave on the field trip at 12:15 p.m. and return around 3:15 p.m. Dress for the weather, including rain. NO OPEN SHOES OR SHORTS/SKIRTS. Bring along only a water bottle and rain gear.

(Ms. Hardy and Mr. Baltz go on Wed. May 25).

**Upcoming Events:**

**Enrichment Day:** **Tue. May 31**

**End of Year class pizza party:**

**Wed. June 1 ($2 cash fee)**

**Please send your $2 cash to cover the cost of the pizza party if you have not already done so. Students will still have their normal lunch and recess time—students can eat fruit, salad, etc. to go along with the pizza they will have at the party in class after recess.**

**What we are learning:**

**Math:** We are studying geometry and data analysis, specifically bar graphs and line plots. Students are also still working on passing their math facts in a flash levels through the end of division.

The class has earned an impressive award from IXL for completion of 20,000 math problems this year!

**Reading:** We have been doing a fantastic job reading, discussing, and writing about the novel Crenshaw, by Katherine Applegate.

**Writing:** Students have written letters to their 4th grade teacher introducing themselves and sharing their strengths, needs, and hopes for 4th grade.

**Social Studies:** We will be learning about personal financial literacy…or how to be smart about money!

**Science:** We are studying life cycles of plants and animals. We have 6 Painted Lady Butterflies who have hatched in the classroom. Students are observing them and generating great questions for research.

These websites may be helpful for parents looking for math vocabulary:

engageny.org parent section

<https://learnzillion.com/> create an account

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