



May 2, 2018

Greetings, Parents and Guardians!

In Kentucky Derby terms, we're in the starting gate ready for a sprint to the finish line! These next few weeks will be full of activities, but still full of learning – including assignments and homework. I know the children get excited anticipating the summer break, but there is still work to be done, facts and strategies to be learned, information to remember for the next learning cycle. Please keep your school routine as much as possible, including bedtime. I know that's hard with the daylight hours, but overly tired children just don't have good days.

Next week is the official national **Teacher Appreciation Week**. Unless you've actually been there, no one can imagine how much time, energy, money, thought, caring, discussion, and just plain WORK! goes into teaching. And believe me, there is no such thing anymore (if there ever was) as three months off in the summer! It's record keeping, planning, continuing education courses, prep meetings, conferences, and so on. It would be really nice if your student could remember to just say "Thank you!" to his teacher; it means a lot to us!

Next week students will be making up a couple **Tae Kwon Do** classes on both Tuesday and Thursday, so do remember to wear TKD pants (not shorts) those days.

Our Pre-schoolers will be hosting their mothers for Muffin with Mom on Friday, May 11. Then they will be "graduating" the following Friday! It's easy to see the growth of these little ones over the year, but it's amazing, too, to see both the physical and intellectual growth of ALL the children through the course of the school year. I hope you take some time to reflect on that with your child, and celebrate his/her accomplishments!

#### Coming Events:

- Friday, May 4 – Teacher Work Day – NO SCHOOL
- Monday, May 7 - Beginners Band to 3:30;  
Advanced Band to 4:15. HW Club to 4 PM
- Tuesday, May 8 – Big Brothers; HW Club to 4 PM
- Wed'day, May 9– Junior Dribblers to 4 PM.
- Thursday, May 10 – LAST Big Sisters to 4:30;  
HW Club to 4 PM
- Friday, May 11 – PreK Muffins with Mom, 10 AM;  
Beginners Band to 3:30; Advanced Band to 4:15.

It's warming up -- finally!  
Sister Miriam

