

May 12, 2011

Dear Fours Families,

It's hard to believe we have less than five weeks of school remaining! As we mentioned in our previous letter, we wanted to let you know some of our upcoming plans for preparing the children for the end of school.

While we haven't specifically begun talking about the end of school with the Fours (details about our plans will follow in the next week or two), the children are aware that their time in the Fours will come to an end. Their sense of time is obviously still quite abstract at this point, and our goal is that the children begin to recognize that they themselves have changed and are ready to soon move on to bigger things.

Today we welcomed the caterpillars to the Fours, and this was naturally met with much enthusiasm and excitement. As well as being an interesting science exploration for the Fours, the caterpillars turning into butterflies are also a lovely metaphor of the children's growth this year. Another example of this kind of change is found in the book [A House for a Hermit Crab](#) by Eric Carle. It tells of a hermit crab in need of a bigger shell in which to live, and we will read the story in the coming days. Following this, we will transfer our bean plants to the large planters outside on the roof, as the plants have certainly outgrown their containers in the classroom.

In the meantime, we have several exciting events happening in the coming days. They are:

- Friday, May 27th - Field Day (please refer to the Lower School blog for specifics) **Children need to bring a bag lunch and bottle of water and wear a light blue t-shirt.**
- Wednesday, June 1st - Movement Assembly at 8:45am in the Big Room
- Wednesday, June 8th - Fours Picnic at 6:00pm on the Roof
- Friday, June 10th - Dismissal at 11:45am
- Tuesday, June 14th - LAST DAY! Dismissal at 11:45am

Kindest regards,

Beth & Stephanie