

May 12, 2011

Dear Families,

The eggs have arrived! I'm sure you have heard from your child that we now have fertilized eggs in our incubator. We want to thank Tracey, Nate and Maggie Stewart for driving out to Wycoff, NJ and bringing back two-dozen eggs from Abma's Farm. The class observed as we gently placed each egg in our incubator. We have one unfertilized egg that is marked X/O with permanent marker. The marked egg allows us to observe if the eggs are properly turning from side to side. We are greatly anticipating a good hatch in 21 days (Wednesday, June 1st). Abma's let us know that our fertilized eggs are Rhode Island Red chickens. They are known to be hardy and have rust-colored feathers. We can't wait to meet them!

To kick off our study, we will be taking a trip to the Prospect Park Audubon Center this Tuesday, May 17th. The class will participate in a workshop titled: It's A Bird!

What makes a bird a bird - is it their nests? Their eggs? Their feathers? Students learn fascinating facts about the life cycles of birds and are asked to infer how they have adapted to their physical environment. Outdoor explorations around the Park engage the students and facilitate basic bird identification skills.

The Audubon Center asked us to bring three parent chaperones with our group. Sign up sheets for upcoming trips are posted outside our door. We will be traveling by yellow school bus leaving school at approximately 9:30 and returning by 2:15. Everyone will need a bag lunch from home (**NO NUTS, SEEDS OR GLASS BOTTLES**). We hope the weather cooperates and can have a picnic lunch in the park.

In the next few weeks we will be investigating different bird characteristics in anticipation for our trip to the Museum of Natural History (Monday, May 23rd). Our trip to the Museum will allow us to observe birds in close proximity and different habitats. For our trip to the Museum of Natural History, we will be traveling by subway leaving school at approximately 9:15 and returning by 1:30. Weather permitting, we will enjoy lunch across the street in Central Park and spend a little time at the Diana Ross Playground, so a bag lunch from home will also be needed for this trip.

Field Day is coming up on Friday, May 27th. Each grade has been asked to wear a different color t-shirt for identification. The school has asked Kindergarten to wear white t-shirts. Perhaps we can decorate them with class signatures? Field Day is a fun filled day of games with our seventh grade buddies and a picnic lunch. Once again, everyone will need a bag lunch from home.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of the families for a lovely class breakfast this past Monday. We missed those who were not able to attend. It was truly a lovely gathering and the children did a wonderful job sharing their work. We hope to have one more breakfast before the end of the year.

Have a great weekend ☺!

Elizabeth and Samson

Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday, May 17th** Trip to the Audubon Center (bring bag lunch from home).
- **Wednesday, May 18th** Kindergarten Movement Assembly in the Big Room at 8:45a.m.
- **Monday, May 23rd** Trip to the Museum of Natural History (bring bag lunch from home).
- **Friday, May 27th** Field Day (bring bag lunch from home, wear white t-shirt) and dismissal at 1:00 pm.