

KINDER NEWS

Highlights from This Week, May 8, 2009

Charter School
Of Morgan Hill

Our current Project-Based learning focus, "The Moon and Stars through Literature and Art," is definitely on target! This week students learned about artists Alexander Calder, the "inventor" of mobiles and stabiles Georges Seurat and Georgia O'Keefe. We made our own 3 dimensional works of art in the style of Calder, again with the theme of stars and moon. We explored flowers with magnifying glasses so we could see through the eyes of Georgia O'Keefe. Learners used Seurat's technique called pointillism to create a nighttime sky using points of color. We are eagerly awaiting the Spring Exhibition on May 14th to show off our work. Look for details soon about the opening night of our *Galaxy Gallery!*

In math we have been using features of the night sky to count, pattern, add and subtract. The "minus" sign is new for most students and must become part of our math language! Please practice at home.

Moon Journals...

Were sent home last Friday in the Friday Folder. This is homework and it is to be returned each Monday during May. We will be using these observations for an art project at the end of the month. Your child's participation will be reflected on the report card in the PBL section.

Looking Ahead...

HOMework:

- No Book Bags next week
- Moon Journal
- Governor's Challenge - 30 minutes 3 times a week, look for an explanatory letter in the e-folder.
- OT calendars, if you have done 40 activities return for a prize.

REMINDERS:

- If your child is feeling ill, please keep them at home.
- Save the date: June 1st Planetarium trip
- Next Friday, No School, Staff Development



Thank you to all students...

- that return book bags on Fridays
- that returned your Moon Journals