



Hello Everyone!

It is June! The weather is getting better and there are only a few more weeks of school! Where did the year go? We have an exciting month and even though I won't be there to enjoy it, I know the students will!

As you know we have field day, fifth grade graduation, field trips and various other delights all rolled into what is left of this month. It takes some jiggling and jogging to juggle the schedule, but it always works out. We try to stick with the schedule as much as possible because it provides our students with a sense of continuity.

We spent last month listening to various forms of music, especially enjoying the scenes and sounds of Fantasia. The children really enjoyed watching the various scenes. You will note that two pieces of their art work were ink blot types of work. At the beginning of "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" the sorcerer conjures a smoke monster. The darker colored art work emulates that. The smoke turns into a butterfly. That is the brighter colored piece of art. Of course we had to make a sorcerer's hat and the children absolutely loved that part of it.

For the remainder of the month of June, we will be completing studies on the ocean. We have worked with this theme in the past, but we plan to look closer at the scientific part of the subject. The lessons are designed to encourage the students to look at the whole picture of what we see when we go to the beach. How lucky are we to live by the ocean! What do we do when we go to the beach? Do we bring toys to play at the beach? What types of water sports have you seen? What is the sand actually made of? Why is the sea salty? There are so many lessons that we can relate to the ocean that we could spend months on the subject instead of three weeks.

Since I won't be at the school to wish everyone to have a great summer, I would like to do so now. We have two students who will be "graduating" from my classroom. I will miss them dearly and wish them the very best as they embark on a new adventure in life.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer everyone!

Sincerely,
Heidi Bettencourt