



# CLASS NEWS!



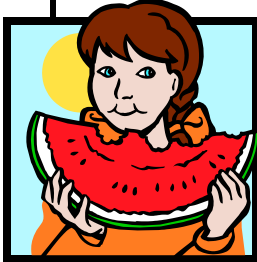
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## Miss Ridenour's Classroom Newsletter

### What We're Up To

**Reading/Writing Groups:** Extra! Extra! Read all about it! In reading groups we are doing just that. We're working on our reading comprehension, vocabulary, and sequencing skills among other things by reading and discussing the local newspaper. Our writing groups are blending the main event "ingredients" into writing the main event of a story: action, dialogue, description, and character thoughts and feelings.



**Math Groups:** What's sweet, juicy, and full of math? A watermelon! This week in math has been full of comparing, estimating, measuring, counting, weighing and graphing as we

practice our math skills using a watermelon. Don't worry, we won't let that good fruit go to waste- by the end of the week we'll get around to eating it, too!

**From Seed to Plant:** In science we will wrap up our plant unit by watching and graphing our seeds' growth. We will also dissect seeds and learn about different seed parts as well as exploring how plants help us by making a collage of things made from plants.

### Student Humor!

Q. What was the cleanest fairy tale in all the land?

A. *Sweeping Beauty!* -Kennady

Q. What's the dinosaur that finds similar meanings?

A. *the Thesaurus!* -Michael

### Reminders to Parents Spirit Week

Show your school spirit! Every day this week has been assigned a different theme. Students who dress up will be judged and a winner will be chosen for "best costume" each day.

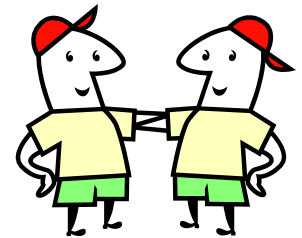
**Monday:** Crazy Hat / Crazy Hair Day

**Tuesday:** Twin Day

**Wednesday:** Career Day

**Thursday:** Fake Injury Day

**Friday:** Sports Enthusiast Day



### Water Day



Come have some fun in the sun! On May 22<sup>nd</sup> students will celebrate a successful year with a school-wide water day. Each group of students will go through various stations with different water activities. Plan on sending in a towel and an extra set of clothes with your child for this event.

### Save the Date

The students have been working hard to prepare a wonderful dance recital for your viewing pleasure. The date scheduled for the recital is **May 28<sup>th</sup>**. More details will be sent home soon.

### Last Week of School

Don't forget! The last week of school has an unusual schedule. **On Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be no school** in celebration of Memorial Day. **May 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> will be early release days** with dismissal at 12:35. Have a wonderful summer!