



*Home of the Otters!*

## KINDER NEWS

The Kinder class had the Kick-Off to their Water Water Everywhere expedition Tuesday, April 12th. We went to the Roark Homestead where Mr. Nathan guided us as we tracked the stream on the Roark's land to the original water source which was a mountain stream in a valley. Ms. Maloo helped us find living things in the water, identify them and discover how they are indicators of a healthy or not healthy water environment. We were happy to see their water source is healthy. We saw a salamander, crustaceans and other new living things. We learned what a confluence is and saw ruins from an old homestead that had been there years ago. Did you know that if you see daffodils in the middle of the mountains it is likely that there was a home there many years ago. Daffodils were sure signs that spring was coming. Thank you to Mr. Nathan and Ms. Maloo for an amazing kick-off to our expedition!

Kinders got a letter and a signed 8x10 picture from President Obama! Kinders wrote congratulatory letters after his inauguration. Mrs. Beth delivered the letter to the Kinders. We were so excited to get a letter back after we wrote to him telling him to do his Personal Best as the President!

With the warmer weather, please be mindful that flip flops are not the best shoes to wear on our mulchy and rocky field. Sandals with straps are preferred. Please also remind your child that spaghetti straps, mid-drift shirts and halter tops should not be worn to school without an undershirt.

We cannot apply sunscreen to your child's skin while they are at school. Please apply sun block before coming to school. That goes for bug spray/lotion as well. If your child needs to reap-

ply during school, please send a doctor's note stating they need to reapply sunscreen. Sending in a hat and sunglasses and full water bottle to school is a good idea for the rest of the school year. Having all things with names on them is really great and most helpful if things get left behind on the play area!

We are still collecting box-tops, old cell phones and empty ink cartridges for TRCS. We will be sending our last box-tops for the year later on this month. Please send your neatly cut box-tops in by May 13th so we can mail out our last batch. Our sincerest thanks to Mrs. Natalie Lewis, Mrs. Beth and all the TRCS community members who sent in box tops, cell phones and ink cartridges. Please continue to save these items through the summer and tell others how they can support TRCS! Thanks for your support!

## MEMORIAL DAY

There is no school on Monday, May 25th, Memorial Day. Enjoy your 3-day weekend!

*The Kinders worked collaboratively and wrote this letter to the community.*

Dear TRCS Community,

Please leave no trace when you are outside or anywhere so that we don't have to clean up after you afterwards. We have found juice drink straw wrappers, plastic white forks, pieces of paper, granola bar wrappers, yogurt foil lids, lots of pencils, head bands and sweaters, straws and those little foil juice containers, juice boxes and plastic bags, paper clips, erasers and little nuts and bolts and plastic cups and plates. We have found LOTS OF TRASH! We feel bad about this and we want you to pick up your own trash! We do not like to find that stuff anywhere. Please do not leave another trace in our school or anywhere because it pollutes our water and playground. We don't want any living thing to die. Did you know that 95% of the Earth's water is polluted? Only 5% of the water on the Earth is clean that we can live with and drink. Let's all be good stewards of the Earth and start today!

Love,

The TRCS Kinders

*Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience.*

*~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*