

# Seahorse News

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## Stanford Achievement Testing Dates

Wednesday, May 1st, the Seahorse class will take a practice standardized test. Each year the kindergarten class takes the Stanford Achievement test in May. We have already discussed this practice as some children have siblings in upper level classes who test. In addition, on days when other classes are testing we are even more quiet and peaceful.

The actual test will be administered over several days:

- Tuesday, May 7th
- Thursday, May 9th
- Monday, May 13th
- Wednesday, May 15th
- Friday, May 17th

Please prepare by:

- Making sure your child has a great night's sleep the night before.
- Providing a healthy breakfast.
- Being on time! Arrival is from 8:00 to 8:15.
- Sending in a sweater or light jacket each day.

## Great Read:

\* Maren Schmidt: Students Need Learning Tools:  
<https://marenschmidt.com/2010/05/students-need-learning-tools/>

## Snack Reminders:

Week of  
April 29:  
Zolina

Week of  
May 6:  
Stella

Week of  
May 13:  
Logan

Week of  
May 20:  
TBD if needed

- ◇ The Seahorse Class is a NUT FREE environment.
- ◇ Please No NUTS in lunches or snacks.
- ◇ Suggestions ▯ Whole fruits, vegetables, hummus, sun butter, cheese, Greek yogurt, whole grain crackers or breads.
- ◇ REMINDERS:
  - ◇ Please remind your child to bring his/her water bottle every day.
  - ◇ Send utensils and napkins with lunch.

### EARTH DAY

April 22nd was Earth Day. It was a great time to revisit some of the ways we care for our Earth everyday.

In the Seahorse class we re-read 10 things I can do to help my world by Melanie Walsh. Some of these things include: recycling, re-using, drawing on both sides of the paper, turning out lights, and turning off the faucet when brushing our teeth.

Each week, we also spend time on campus cleaning up, raking, sweeping and weeding. In the classroom, we are all responsible for taking care of our prepared environment as well. We restore materials, separate trash from recyclables, wash dishes, fold towels, scrub tables...the list goes on and on. Our community is responsible and hardworking.

We hope you enjoy the Earth sun catchers we made this week. Ask your child about what the Earth looks like from far up in space.



### Come on in...

You are invited Thursdays after dismissal from 3:30 to 4:00 to come in to the Seahorse class. Let your child show you what she/he is working on or simply walk you around his/her classroom.

### Science: Life Cycles

The children are enjoying our unit on life cycles. We started with the life cycle of a butterfly: egg, larva, pupa, butterfly. We even observed caterpillars (larva) transform into pupa and emerge as butterflies! We released three in our butterfly garden:

A fourth butterfly emerged from its pupa, however, it failed to thrive and passed away shortly after. We talked about how the butterfly was not living anymore (several children said it died) and chose to put it back into the earth in our butterfly garden. The children each shared a message for our friend: "good luck," "I hope you fly in heaven," "thank you for being in our classroom." It was quite lovely.



This week we will release ladybugs into the garden and observe a preying mantis egg casing! Thank you Jaden and family!

We are also grateful to Colt's family for gifting the class a set of concrete representations of the life cycles of several insects and a frog!