

Gingerbread Giants

May 2025

May already? Where in the world did this year go? I was looking at photos of your children from this fall--a few short months ago--and can't believe how much they've grown this year. Thank you for letting us be a part of this process.

Thanks once again for all the fantastic snack help. Easter parties went well and the Pioneer Days were a great success (the homemade butter, of course, being the highlight for me!) Thanks to the Coles for bringing their sweet horse Vince and spending the morning with us. AND a big thank you to the Lundy's for bringing Jay and Benny to brush and feed. We will definitely do this again next year! We loved having them!

I've tried to keep track of birthdays and un-birthdays, so everyone has a special day of their own here at school (and a birthday page in their portfolio). If I've missed anyone this year, please call me right away and I'll fix this. It always gets really busy here at the last with lots of final details to take care of, and I seem to miss something each month. Just let me know!

The themes for this month are flowers, manners, moms, underwater life, and preparing for beach day. Book orders are due Wednesday, May 3rd and should be in before the end of school. Thanks for your support with these.

We will be making May Baskets for May Day and the day after (May 1 & May 2). If you have any cut flowers or want to pick some up at the store, send them in Thursday and Friday. It's fun to make May baskets to hang on a neighbor's or grandparent's door and ring the doorbell and run and hide to see their surprise when they see them. And kids love to sneak! If we have enough flowers we will send a May basket home for you to enjoy this fun tradition, and we will make some for our neighbors around school. Thank you in advance!

We have been preparing for our Mother's Day Tea Parties (Thursday & Friday, May 8 & 9). Please be sure that your child has a mom or other guest stand in for this day. It is too sad to be the only one without one! You may not cry, but I will! If a stand-in will be coming, please let us know so that we can practice introducing them. Special notice: please be aware of our neighbors when parking for your tea party. We ask that you park in the back parking lot or the field (the north side is the most stable if it's rained) and walk around by the sidewalk to the front door of the Giant house. Your child will show you where to go from there. Most of the children dress up for this and they love to see you in your pretty clothes for this special day. Tea parties begin at 10:30 sharp. Happy Mother's Day!

Our fishing trips are Monday & Tuesday, May 12 & 13 and we will go crawdad fishing. I'll post a request for snack help on Sign Up Genius and will share the link. Join us if you want for this fantastic day at the crawdad creek. Thank you for that! We will leave school around 9:15 and return by noon. We have enough poles for each child, so please do not bring one from home. Be prepared to bait hooks and remove crawdads for any and all children in your vicinity.

Our End of School Picnic will be Monday evening, May 12, from 5:30-7. See Skye's newsletter for details and a sign up slip.

It's time to begin returning books to our Gingerbread library so if you have some around home please send them back with your child. We will close the library Wednesday, May 14.

Thursday, May 15th (TTH) & Friday, May 16th (MWF) we will spend "at the beach." The children may wear their bathing suits (hope it's warm!). Remember to put their name on beach towels and even swim suit tags. Squirting guns are permitted (names again, please) and we will have a water balloon fight area for our class. Remember that if you want to see anything returned, put your child's name on it. Thanks!

Our last days of school are May 20th & 21st, and I want to thank you for allowing your child to be a Giant this year. You'll always have a place in our hearts! Portfolios will go out that day.

We hope you have a wonderful summer!

Love, The Giant Teachers

(MWF) Katie, Marcy, Taisha & Skye

(TTH) Marie, Marcy, Taisha & Skye (and Teacher Sara says Hi!)