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Mrs. Hunwick's First Facts

Language Arts/ Math

Dear Parents:

*In reading we are working in Theme Eight called Our Earth. The stories and activities center around our Earth Day classroom theme. The children compiled many activities from all areas of the curriculum in their Earth Day Folders which were sent home recently.

*In Theme Eight the children are working on the *-s, -ed, -ing* and base words with endings along with the *ou* and *ow* sounds. Classifying, summarizing and drawing conclusions are concentrations in this unit.

*Our class is doing a great job in Spelling! We are also reading our last two stories in Making Meaning.

*We are currently working on fiction for Readers' Workshop and Writers' Workshop. The children have learned about beginning, middle, end and how to include characters, setting, problem, solution, description, details and a good lead in their stories. The children work with partners to ask questions and find evidence in their stories.

- The class did an impressive job on the Grosse Pointe Writing Test.
- NWEA testing will take place for our class on Monday May 13rd at 10:30 for Math. Make sure the children sleep and eat well.
- * The lessons in Chapter 10 concentrate on review and assessment. I have also been tim-

ing the class on basic math facts for the children to gain fact power.

Next Week Homelinks Due:

Tuesday- 10.4

Wednesday- 10.5 Thursday- 10.6 Friday- 10.7



Grow Into Reading!

Science/ Social Studies

*In Science we continue to observe clouds, wind speed and weather patterns.

*We began our unit on Plants. The children dissected a seed to observe, label and classify the seed coat, embryo, root/stem and cotyledon. We planted *brassica* and will plant grass in the near future while recording our observations.

*In Computers the class continues to work in

various programs to practice math facts/ problem solving and reading comprehension.

* In Social Studies we began Unit 4- "Our Earth, Our Resources". This unit introduces the Earth's resources, identifies and describes physical characteristics of places such as landforms, bodies of water and weather. All centered around our theme.

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Points of Interest:

- Field Day will take place on Friday May 24th all day.
- So school Monday May 27th due to Memorial Day.
- The First Grade
 Picnic will take
 place on Wednes day June 5th at
 Patterson Park
 from 12:30-3:15.
 More information
 to follow at a later
 date.
- June 13th is the last day for students and they will be dismissed at 11:36 with their report card.