



Dear Families Of Our Y5's

I'm a big believer in vocabulary building!

You will be blown away at the amount of science, math and reading we cover in Young Fives. Their science vocabulary at the end of the year will astound you, especially in April when they come home all excited and say:

*"Mommy! Daddy! Our **caterpillars** went through a process called **metamorphosis**, popped out of their **chrysalis** and are sipping **nectar** with their **proboscis!**"* or....They'll be singing the **water cycle** chant:

EVAPORATION! CONDENSATION! PRESIPITATION! And be able to define those words for you!

Much of it I do through story telling, and magic tricks (the vocabulary is of course the magic word) as well as songs, poems and finger plays. The concepts are repeated through skill sheets, easy readers, and hands-on art projects that build their self-esteem and increase hand-eye coordination and muscle control, besides being lots of fun.

Each month I will send home a list of words that might be new to your child. Please try and use this vocabulary at home to reinforce our lessons. Or pretend that you don't know a word and ask them to be the teacher and explain what that word is about or how they are using it in school. If they don't know the word, it might be because we haven't covered it yet. Some words will stay on our list all year.

Words are from our daily schedule, math, science, reading, and geography. The September list is the longest because it covers a lot of "around-the-school" terms that might be brand new to your child, especially if this is their first experience in a school setting.

As always the parent-teacher connection is extremely important to me, and I thought you'd like to know about our vocabulary building program. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call. You are also welcome to stop by. I have an Open Door policy. Come in and see us in action and volunteer. You'll be appreciated and I know you will be blessed!

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. Diane L. Henderson