## The Explorer Express

## From the Principal

Spring is here! Warm weather and brighter days are ahead of us. TCAP tests are being packed up as I type this. We had above 96% attendance each day of testing. Thank you for encouraging your child to do his/her best and promoting good attendance.

I want to thank each of you for your support this year. These kids are amazing, fun and resilient! We made it through a pandemic with few issues. Fingers crossed that things are more "normal" next year.

Please encourage your child to read over the summer, just 20 minutes each day. Students who don't read over the summer can lose months of reading progress, which has long-term effects. I hope you have an enjoyable summer with your family. Whether you travel or stay at home, time off from school offers quality family time that is so valuable to your child's development. Time for fun and play is integral to raising kids who are well rounded, happy, and self-motivated. Adults deserve this too!

Enjoy your summer! We'll see you in July! Ms. Rachel Storment

## <u>Impor</u>tant Dates Now-May 10 Kindergarten Registration May 17 Field Day May 19 May 24 Waterpalooza (for qualifying students) May 25 Awards Day Last Day of School May 26 May 27 July 29 Open House 5-7 pm August 2 First Day of 21-22 School Yr. Notes \*Dress code changes go into effect on August 2nd. Students may wear black, khaki, or navy bottoms and any color polo top. Fridays will be dress down.

\*Parents may submit input for their child's placement for the 21-22 school year. You may describe the environment your child best learns in. Please do not ask for teachers by name, rather focus on the qualities that make for an optimal learning environment for your child. You may email input to rstorment@dcstn.org or send letter in.

## Reminders

- Parents will not be invited to end-of-year activities due to COVID restrictions
- Living Museum (4th and 5th grades) will be available to view on Facebook (Facebook Live) Time TBA Awards Day will be available to view on Facebook (Facebook Live). Grades 3-5 will begin at 8:30 am. Grades K-2 will begin at 12:30.

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Living Museum (4th,5th) Report Card Pickup 8-10 am