

Dear Parents,

The time has almost come to say goodbye. We can't believe the end of the year is here. Has this been the fastest year of your life too? We have truly loved our year in kindergarten. Your child made it incredibly special!

Thank you for the privilege of allowing us to work with your child.

The end of the school year is bittersweet for us. We know how much we will miss our students and their families. Many children are new at navigating the kind of change the end of school brings to them. Please know that we are always available if your child would like to "talk!" We can be reached by email during the summer...jellis@yorkschoools.org and mgallagher@yorkschoools.org. We'd love to correspond with your child! Sometimes just knowing that they can talk with us can ease feelings of loss. Please keep in touch!

We collected samples of your child's journey through kindergarten in a large white "portfolio." The size of the portfolio is rather large, making it difficult for a kindergarten student to transport it home by bus. **Please pick up your child's portfolio after school on June 21, 22, or 25 in the hallway outside our classroom.** We will send home the remaining portfolios and completed work with students on June 26 at dismissal.

Please complete the "Portfolio Reflection" sheet attached to your child's portfolio. It will help you and your child look at growth and change in kindergarten. Please insert the completed sheet into the portfolio to keep forever! (There is **no need to send it back to school.**) Thank you for taking the time to celebrate your child's accomplishments! We are so proud!

We would like to sing out our praise and thanks for our incredibly dedicated, loyal, flexible, and prompt bunch of volunteers! You made it possible for us to

attend to the children's needs in a much more individual fashion. Our sincerest gratitude goes out to all of you!

•Hillary, without you, nobody would have known when to assist our students.

•Community volunteers, thank you for your never-ending assistance. You are gems, precious gifts to all of us. Thank you.

•Parents, thank you for the encouragement and love you give to your child each and every day!

Dates to Remember:

June:

Fri., June 1	Kindergarten Concert in gym (11:00) & Academic Showcase in classroom (11:30)
Thurs., June 7	Mr. and Mrs. Fish (Coastal Studies assemblies-all day)
Wed., June 13	VES Field Day: outdoor activities, sneakers (no sandals), sunscreen, hat
(Mon., June 18)	(rain date: VES Field Day)
Tues., June 19	Tidepooling Field Trip at Fort Foster
Wed., June 20	(rain date/Fort Foster...volunteers needed)
Thurs., June 21	Kindergarten Fun Day
(Fri., June 22)	(rain date) Kindergarten Fun Day
Tues., June 26	Last Day of School (½ day)

We hope to see you at the beach this summer!

Thank you for a fantastic year, everyone. You and your child will be missed and fondly remembered...forever.



Always,

Jen and Melinda

