

Mountain Lakes Country Day School

Writing on the Ohio State website, Jeff Grabmeier reports that:

“Young children whose parents read them five books a day enter kindergarten having heard about 1.4 million more words than kids who were never read to, a new study found.

This ‘million word gap’ could be one key in explaining differences in vocabulary and reading development, said Jessica Logan, lead author of the study and assistant professor of educational studies at The Ohio State University.

“Even kids who are read only one book a day will hear about 290,000 more words by age 5 than those who don’t regularly read books with a parent or caregiver.”

“Kids who hear more vocabulary words are going to be better prepared to see those words in print when they enter school,” said Logan, a member of Ohio State’s [Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy](#).

“They are likely to pick up reading skills more quickly and easily.”

Here’s how many words kids would have heard by the time they were 5 years old: Never read to, 4,662 words; 1-2 times per week, 63,570 words; 3-5 times per week, 169,520 words; daily, 296,660 words; and five books a day, 1,483,300 words.

“The word gap of more than 1 million words between children raised in a literacy-rich environment and those who were never read to is striking”.

Source: [“A ‘million word gap’ for children who aren’t read to at home,”](#) by Jeff Grabmeier, April 4, 2019, [osu.edu](#)



Upcoming Events

Summer Session Starts July 1st

Important Announcements

School will be closed on July 4th in observance of Independence Day

Water Play Days are Wednesday and Thursday starting July 3rd.

July 12, 2019
In School Field Trip
Rizzo's Reptiles

August 6, 2019
In School Field Trip
Music by the Jam Cats

Did you know?

“Parents and toddlers who read paper books together speak and interact more when compared with those who read e-books...”

Infant Milestones

Winter brought cold weather and fun activities like making mittens and handprint Christmas trees. A big hooray for Ryan B taking his first steps! Our little Laila turned one and Mariana started crawling! We all wore red for Valentine's Day and green for St. Pats. We're looking forward to Spring and warmer weather. We can't wait to get outside to play!

News from Toddler One

We did a unit on pets and were so excited to bring in pictures to share with our friends. Miss Carla even brought in Mr. Louie, her pet snake! We also learned about farm animals. We loved singing “Old MacDonald had a Farm” and now we are experts on animals and the sounds they make. Sports week meant that we got plenty of exercise! Donuts and Muffins were shared with our Moms and Dads. We're all looking forward to summer water play and lots of time spent outside!

Toddler Two in the News

In March, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day by wearing green. We danced and sang to Ants in the Pants with Miss Jolie (www.missjoliemusic.com). Our caterpillars grew and grew and finally turned into butterflies.

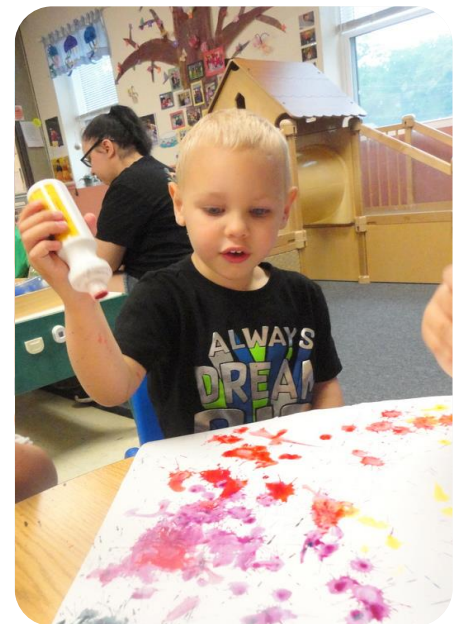
We've been working hard on becoming more independent. Using the potty, drinking from a cup and gaining better small motor skills. Our mom's loved having Muffins with us and the Dads really enjoyed their donuts! We are so happy the weather is warmer (no more coats!) and we can play outside more. We can't wait for water play days!



Happy Father's Day!



Hard at work!



What's Happening in Preschool

We followed our caterpillars through their life cycle and released beautiful butterflies on the playground. We've worked very hard on letter recognition and explored math by learning quantity, shapes, and patterns. Our Mom's loved their muffins! Our Dads were good at sharing their donuts with us! We can't wait for summer fun in the sun!



All the News About Pre-K

As our school year comes to an end we have learned 14 sight words, to count in Spanish, and the entire alphabet in sign language. We made muffins for our Moms and had donuts with our Dads to celebrate Mother's and Father's Days. We used science, math, inquiry skills, and language skills during our Ball Study. We did a Mexican hat dance, ate yummy Mexican foods and learned a few words in Spanish on Cinco de Mayo. We ended our year with a special Graduation ceremony and had lots of fun at the school picnic!

