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Dear K-4 Julia Green Encore Parents,

Happy Mother’s Day! I hope your week is extra special! I love the quote, **“A mother holds your hand for a moment but your heart for a lifetime!** Make the most of your time together!Just a heads up about what we’re doing in Encore. In our Psychology unit we have been learning personal style inventories for introvert and extrovert and optimist and pessimist. There are no right or wrong answers because the world needs both kinds. This does help us know more about ourselves and shape our direction and choices for the future. We also tapped into memories associated with color preferences and smell. It’s so interesting to see how long term memories shape our preferences. We hope to do some critical thinking assessments, tessellations and brain teasers over the final two weeks.

Children have been fascinated with our Brainetics unit! We did a Take Ten Card game where someone picked two cards and we could tell them what they picked. We learned to do Magic Box and Black Horse tricks where someone picked a number and we could tell them the number they picked. We applied the Fibonacci sequence where you make a column of numbers by adding the bottom two numbers. Children have been bringing home game rules so they can practice the “tricks” at home. They also have copies in their Encore journals which they will eventually take home at the end of 4th grade or when their journals are full.

Second, third and fourth graders learned a short cut for adding a column of 10 Fibonacci numbers. They made their own Fibonacci sequence and learned when you add any 3 sequence numbers together and divide by 2 you always get the third number. They learned short cuts for adding doubled numbers and finding the 5th root of a product. All Encore students will be bringing home their report cards at their last Encore class.

K-2 students and I have read the hilarious books The Day the Crayons Quit and The Day the Crayons Came Home. They have written a story or emotion displayed by their favorite crayons in each of the stories. I’ll be sending home their pictures…you will enjoy them as I have! I’ll be helping with Aimsweb testing this week and the FourthGrade Exhibition next week. I hope to do some makeup Encore classes… so please keep Encore folders in student backpacks. Our last day of Encore is 5/20/16. Your children are welcome to bring a snack to share for our last class… this is optional. I have loved teaching your children Encore.

Thank you for being the examples you are to your children! I love what I do and your children are the reason!

Sincerely,

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