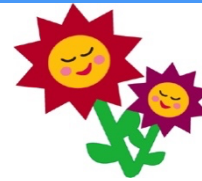


APRIL NEWSLETTER 2023



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April Happenings at the Nest...



"April Showers Bring May Flowers," Springtime, Earth Day and More..."

The children and staff always welcome SPRING, and we are sure you do too! We go outside for exploration walks (looking for signs of spring) and we CAN GO TO THE PLAYGROUND on a regular basis! Please make sure your child wears "safe" shoes or sneakers for outside play. If your child insists on wearing sandals or open shoes, please put a pair of sneakers in his/her backpack. The mulch on the playground can become a nuisance.

During Classroom Sing Time the children will be celebrating spring by learning new songs about Butterflies, Bumblebees and Flowers.

Important April Dates...



April will be another busy and exciting month... get your calendars ready...

April 3rd - Mixed Up Monday-Let's celebrate April Fools' Day. Wear silly or original clothing, inside out, upside down etc. Classes C, D, F/F+

April 4th - Topsy Turvy Tuesday-To Celebrate April Fools' Day, wear silly or original clothing, inside out, upside down etc. Classes A, E/E+, G/G+, H/H-3, I & K

April 7th – 14th - School closed for Spring break. Rest & Enjoy!

April 17th – Welcome back to school!

April 20th & 21st- Celebrate Earth Day! Wear Blue Jeans-Planting today in our gardens. (Weather Permitting)

April 24th-28th 1st Annual Scholastic Book Fair

April 24th- School Show @ 4:30pm Classes C, H/H-3 & K

April 25th – School Show @ 4:30pm Classes A/A+, E/E+ & G/G+

April 26th – School Show @ 4:30pm Classes D/D+,F/F+ & I

April 27th-28th Ice Cream Sundae Cast Parties

April 27th & 28th Visit our Pottery Exhibit



Duckling Animal Workshop...



In March, the Duckling classes learned many things about all kinds of animals: Pets, Farm Animals, Forest Animals, and Jungle Animals. During their Animal Workshop, the Ducklings visited 5 interesting and fun stations and learned even more fun facts through games and stories.



Bluebird 5 Senses Workshop...

The children in the Bluebird class participated in the “5 Senses and Differently - Abled Workshop”. At the workshop the children had the opportunity to use their 5 senses and also experience what it would be like if one of their senses did not work. For instance, the children felt Braille books, they tasted different foods (sweet, salty, sour, bitter), and they practiced sign language.



Cardinal's Artist Workshop

The Cardinals have been studying a different artist each month since the school year began. During the month of March, the Cardinals spent a morning in an Artist workshop, again studying the styles and techniques of artists like Georgia O'Keefe, Michelangelo, Henri Moore and The Artist in Me. Fun was had by all.



A Little Caterpillar Turns into a Beautiful Butterfly...

To Celebrate Spring and Life we thought it would be wonderful and fun for the children to see Caterpillars turn into Butterflies. Using “Box Tops” fundraising money, we have purchased “Butterfly Houses”. In late April there will be caterpillars, food and the accessories we need. The children will take care of the caterpillars by naming them and feeding them. During Sing time the children will sing songs about Butterflies. Once the caterpillars have turned into the Butterflies each class will have a Butterfly Release Day. We will keep you posted.



April is Sculpting Month...

In April, the children will be developing their fine & gross motor muscles and their creative abilities as they sculpt their very own clay creations. Each age group will do hand and arm exercises to get ready to use those muscles. Special gloves will be available for those children who do not like “touching” things. They will learn what a Potter is, how to wedge, cut and knead clay. The children will display their clay creations in the hallway on April 28th and 29th. We will send you a video of your children’s creations.

Have a Safe, Healthy and Happy Spring Break!