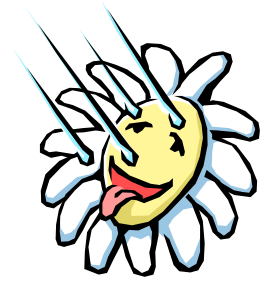


APRIL NEWSLETTER

No School April 9-17 Easter Break

Classes resume on Tuesday, April 18th.

If you have not sent in a box of crackers within the last two weeks please do so. Your child will thank you.



As I look over my lesson plans I see we have so much to accomplish in so little time. Now is the time I prepare the kindergarteners for 1st grade which means we spend more time working and less time playing. This is hard for some.

We have good news and bad news. We welcome a new student to our classroom!! Welcome Nora Robertson! The kids are so excited to have you in our class. The bad news is Arayna will be moving. We will miss her!

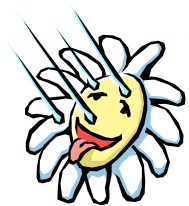
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We welcome Nora Robertson to our class. That means we have Sixteen kids in our classroom.

All of our bears have come out of hibernation.

Your child will need a shoe box for the week of April 17th.

Any size will do. If you have extra's send them in.



April 3rd-7th "MAMMALS & REPTILES"

We will continue our discussion on mammals and include reptiles. We'll include the characteristics of each class of animal, what they eat, survival tactics, and their habitat.

Blend for the week is "wh." High frequency word is pretty.

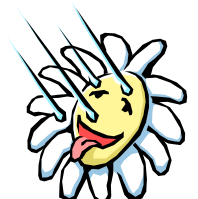
APRIL 18th-21st "Habitats"

The students will be making their own habitats this week by picking a Beanie Baby animal from my bin and creating a habitat for it. They will also write a report and present it to the other kindergarten class and the first graders. If you have any empty shoe boxes at home we could use them for our habitats. If your child has an animal at home they would like to build a habitat for that will work too. No dogs or house cats.

We'll work with the blend "ou" and high frequency word "help."

April 24-28 "Incredible, Eatable Egg"

We will continue our discussion on the animal kingdom and discuss oviparous animals---birds and chickens. We'll take a look inside the egg and the life cycle of a chicken. I usually do this the week before Easter but for some



reason I got behind in my lesson plans. We'll end the week by reading and making Green Eggs and Ham.

Blend for the week will be "ee." High frequency word is went.

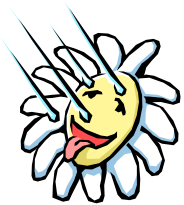
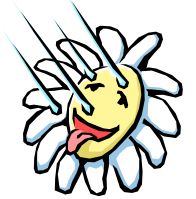
May 1st-5th "WHAT'S THE WEATHER"

This week we will discuss the rain cycle and talk about the weather in general. We will use words such as evaporation, hot and cold, thunder, lightening, sink and float. If we happen to get a warm rainy day (drizzly) this week or next please send raincoats and swampers if you have them. I hope to get outside to float boats or make dams and watch the water run.

Sight words this week are "run, ran, & ride." We will work with "ch" words. Friday we'll make chocolate chip cookies!

COGNITIVE SKILLS for the month: Proper letter formation, first and last names, word families, inventive spelling, sight words, and sentences structure.

Math bench mark for kindergarten for the month of April are counting forward to 115, counting backward from 20, skip count by 2's, 5's, and 10's, read three digit numbers. We will be working with subtracting and continue with addition and coin recognition.



The "Pizza Hut Book It" program has ended. I will continue to send books home on a nightly basis. With the weather getting nice I know that reading may get put off. Do what you can. It is important to read to your child. Review sight words nightly.

***Think Spring!
Miss Julie***



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Josiah Smith

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**Here are April's high frequency words. Add them to your child's reading ring.
Practice them nightly along with the reader.**