

APRIL

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Important Dates:

- **April 5:** Early Dismissal- NO After School Program
- **April 8-12:** Spring Vacation- No school
- **April 26:** Mystic Aquarium comes to LA
- **April 29:** SBS Open House / Curriculum Night; 6:30-8pm
- **May 1:** Family Night; 6-7pm All are welcome!

Reminders:

- ♦ **May 24 - Graduation Day**
- ♦ Please make sure your child has a jacket for outdoor recess EVERY DAY!

★ Shining Star ★

April 4: Evan

April 18: Hannah

April 19: Beckham

April 25: Madelyn



Hello April!

April! I hope you all had a blessed Easter. This school year seems to be going by so quickly. In March, the children enjoyed learning about many artists. I am amazed by how many details about an artist they remember.

We have had some children coming to school without a jacket recently. We do try to go out whenever the weather allows us to do so. Even though spring is here, it can be quite breezy on the playground and children need some form of a jacket. Please send them with one. Days were the temperature is warmer and coats are not needed we will allow them to take them off or leave in their cubbies. We are all looking forward to the warmer days coming our way! Another reminder is our uniform remains grey bottoms (including skirts) and green Little Angels shirt. Also our playground is covered in wood chips so sneakers are necessary for outdoor play; preferably a shoe they can get on and off by themselves.

Sometime after April break we will stop napping. This is to get them ready for the full days of Kindergarten. I have introduced this as a privilege. Therefore, privileges are earned. For the most part they do a great earning this privilege and we want to keep that going. We will still leave their nap things at school in case the need arises for us to have the "rest" time. This also helps them build that big kid confidence they will need next year!

This Month in our classroom

April 1-5

Letter of the week: Xx

Religion: God Made Flowers

Clifford: Something Big Is Coming

This week we will learn about Claude Monet. The children will recreate our own version on the the famous bridge picture. We will also learn about Edward Munch. The children will water color the the artist picture and for fun we will add a picture of the child making the scream face.

April 15-19

Letter of the week: Yy

Religion: God Made Big Things

Clifford: Spring Brings Babies

This week we will finish up our Andy Warhol Pop Art pictures of ourselves. We are hoping the weather cooperates so we can paint like Jackson Pollack. He was an abstract artist know for his spatter painting. I look forward to seeing the children's creations.

April 22-26

Letter of the Week: Zz

Religion: God Made water

Clifford: Be an Earth Day Detective

This week we will be exploring block painting. Paul Keel made many paintings with block painting. We will challenge the students to creat a block building and then we will recreate it on paper with blocks. The children will explore painting upside down while we learn about Michelangelo.

April 29-May 1- We will be using our last few days to finish up our projects for Family Night and maybe even a surprise. we hope everyone can make it.

Parent Corner

If you are planning a staycation this upcoming vacation or looking for ideas for this summer. I found two great websites. One is dated from last year but has amazing places listed and wanted to share with all of our families.

<https://connecticutexplorer.com/spring-break-in-connecticut/>

<https://mommypoppins.com/connecticut-kids/spring-activities/things-to-do-on-spring-break-in-ct>