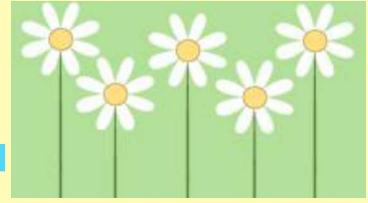


APRIL



Teacher: Laurie Hurlburt

Para: Sherry Boucher

Important Dates

April 2:

Holy Thursday - Early Release; 12pm
Dismissal for ALL - NO ACES

April 3:

Good Friday - NO School

April 5:

Happy Easter

April 8:

Family Night at LA; 6-7pm

April 10:

NO ACES

April 13-17:

Spring Vacation - NO School

April 24:

Mystic Aquarium Visit

April 27:

SBS Open House / Curriculum Fair
6:30-8pm

Looking ahead:

May 22: Graduation Day & Early Release

Reminders

- Please send your child in with a reusable water bottle. The warmer weather is upon us and it is helpful when we are outside.
- Our uniform should always have gray bottoms with their uniform shirt.
- Sneakers are a required part of their uniform. **Also keep in mind that they are sneakers they can put on and fasten on their own.**

Shining Stars

Evelyn 4/1 Karley 4/6
Liam 4/2 Primo 4/24



Hello April

The children have enjoyed exploring stories from different Authors. We have favorites we love to read from each.

Mrs. Boucher and I can not believe how quickly this school year is coming an end. I am sure you hear lots of talk about listening and following directions, as we talk about these two skills often. A friend of mine that is a kindergarten teacher talked about how important these skills are to finding success in Kindergarten and we are working on getting them ready for that.

Happy Easter!



What is happening in our room:

Mar 30-April 3

Religion: Easter

Clifford: What Big Ears You Have!

Letter of the week: Xx



This week we will start reading stories from Leo Lionni. We will also prepare for Easter. We will read fun stories and explore bunny songs. The children will create a beautiful sunrise on a paper plate. The children will have to follow directions to paint it correctly. The children will use markers to color and spray water try to see how their color will spread to create a beautiful Easter Egg.

April 6-12:

Religion: God Made Water

Letter of the Week: Yy and Zz

We will continue to explore stories by Leo Lionni. We will be creating crafts to go along with his book *Swimmy*, *Inch by Inch*, and *A Color of Your Own*. We will also complete a creative writing page for our creative writing journal that you will get to see Family Night.

April 21-30

Religion: God Made Flowers and God Made Fish

Clifford: We Share Earth

Letter of the week: Review Nn-Zz

In the spring, we love to explore our unit on plants and flowers. We will spend the next two weeks exploring what a plant needs to grow and looking at the parts of a seed and plants. We will create our own painting of flowers by observing flowers in a vase.

Parent Corner

We have been talking a lot about red and green choices all year. Lately, there seem to be similar red choices being made by several students. We have even overheard students who make green choices feeling frustrated by friends making red choices. We have made a few changes to try to help everyone.

1. We had a long cold and snowy winter which kept us inside more than ever before and although we had a lot of large movement activities, we could tell how much not having time outside was affecting everyone. Thankfully, Mother Nature is helping with this problem and we have been enjoying our outside time.
2. When 4 and 5 year olds spend the entire day indoors, rest time can become challenging. As a result, we are now only having rest time once or twice a week rather than daily. This adjustment allows for more outdoor time and gives us the flexibility to include two center times in our daily schedule.
3. We are starting a sticker chart for everyone. Each child will receive a sticker to put on their chart at the end of the day as long as they made less than three red choices. At the end of the week, if they have their chart filled with stickers, they will get a shiny smiley sticker to wear. At the end of two weeks, they will get a larger water bottle smiley face sticker. The thought is we are rewarding green behavior and hopefully talking less about red choices. Day one was Friday and everyone received a sticker on their chart and went home with one on their shirt.
4. We will be sending home laundry before break to be cleaned and do ask that it is returned after break. Because we are not using daily, we will not send it home every other week and will eventually phase it out completely. This is also helping them prepare for the longer school day in kindergarten.

