

Kindergarten April Newsletter

Themes & Bible Stories: Weather & Spring, Eric Carle, Noah's Ark

Reading: As our super reading powers are growing, so is our love for reading. We have been learning more and more strategies to help us during those tough times while reading. This month we will start pulling our prior knowledge of word study and writing skills together to help us even more while reading. We will continue with our guided reading groups and focusing on more specific reading strategies within the groups. We will be studying Eric Carle and many of his famous works. Mr. Carle loved to write & illustrate animals in nature so we will take his works a step further and learn different facts about various creatures such as caterpillars, butterflies & spiders. We will compile our work and crafts into our own tribute book to Eric Carle.

Word Study: This month we will continue developing and recognizing blends. We will continue to reinforce how some letters come together and make new sounds. We will then focus on mixed vowel word families (CVC words).

Writing: We have been talking about adding details to our stories to help engage the reader. We will compare our stories to a "cheeseburger." (YUM!) The more toppings you add to that cheeseburger, the tastier it becomes. Same applies to our stories..the more details, the better the story. We are also starting to add more expression to our characters in our stories. Finally, we are starting to take more risks with our endings. When reading, we are starting to recognize how some authors give us "surprise endings." This month, we will continue to work on adding details, feelings and exciting endings.

Math: As we move forward with this month, we will continue to develop basic subtraction skills. Our problem solving skills are becoming sharper and we are able to recognize different types of patterns. We will also start counting by 2's.

Science: We will be talking about all the "new beginnings" that spring brings! Caterpillars, butterflies, spiders and new plants will be the topic of discussion this month. We will also have a STEAM day...all about rainbows!

Handwriting: We will complete all of the lower case letters this month. Our focus now will be spacing our letters/words correctly as well as proper formation. We are also using lined paper more to help with spatial awareness.

Dates to Remember...

Monday, April 8...Music class

Monday, April 22...Tomorrow's Hope Art Show, 5-7pm (more info to follow)

Friday, April 26...Rainbow STEAM Day!

Monday, April 29...Gym class...sneakers, comfy clothes & labeled water bottle

Looking Ahead...

Thursday, May 9, 1:15pm...Kindergarten's Mother's Day Tea!. Moms...please save the date! More info to follow!