



April 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you all enjoyed your spring break holiday! It was nice to have a little vacation, and hopefully we're all refreshed now and ready to take on the last few months of the school year.

What Are We Learning?

This month, we will be learning about Australia and some of the cultural and geographical aspects of that continent. We will do some spring cleaning and gardening activities. We'll also continue to count numbers up to 30 on a regular basis, along with talking about the weather, days of the week, months of the year and learning the alphabet in sign language. Students get one-on-one lessons on the letters of the alphabet and numbers, and as always, we continue to work on our manners and practical life skills. The most important skills our students can learn during these important developmental years are how to cooperate with their peers and how to resolve conflicts amongst themselves. This has been especially important during the last couple months with the addition of some new friends to our class. The students have done a great job of adjusting to the new dynamics in the class and inviting the new students into their friendship circles. Everyone is getting along great these days after some weeks spent becoming more familiar with each other.

Library

Now that the weather is improving, we will start to make regular trips to the library. These are great opportunities for us to get out in the community and to be exposed to new people as well as some new books. These trips will usually happen on Friday mornings around 10:30am after the children have eaten their snacks.

Show and Tell

We have been doing show and tell recently, and the students have been excited to share their treasures with their classmates. Show and Tell items should be objects related to nature-either photos of things in nature or actual artifacts found outdoors.

School Dropoff/Pickup

Please adhere to the drop off and pick up times that pertain to your child. Only children in the FULL DAY program should be at school before 8:30am. If your child is in the Extended Day program, they should arrive at school after 8:30 and be picked up by 3:30pm.

Easter Celebration

As a class, we will have an Easter celebration on March 28th-we will hide some eggs in the play yard for the students to find. The eggs will contain small trinkets and some candies(each child will end up with only 3-4 candies each). If your child has an easter basket or special bag for gathering the Easter eggs, please do send that to school with them on Wednesday or Thursday.

School Photos

On the morning of April 10th, we will be getting school photos done by LifeTouch. The students will all have the chance to have their individual portraits done and those who are graduating this year will also be able to have photos of themselves in their graduation gowns. We will be sending home more information about photos soon.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Thursday March 28th **Easter Egg Hunt**

Friday, March 29th **NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)**

Monday, April 1st **NO SCHOOL (Easter Monday)**

Wednesday, April 10th **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Friday, April 12th **Registration deadline for our summer program**

Monday, April 29th **NO SCHOOL-Professional Development Day**

Thank you for your continued support of your child's learning journey.
Sincerely,

Miss Kirsti, Miss Mindy and Miss Simran

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