



Beginnergarten News

At the beginning of April, we will be focusing on Easter. We will talk about the Easter story in great depth. We will make egg carton Easter stories to help us remember about Jesus' life and death. The children really seem to remember more of the details of the Easter story through this project. It is very hands on! Please send in a dozen regular sized plastic Easter eggs in an egg carton by April 1st. Do not send in plastic eggs that open sideways. It is difficult to put items in those eggs. Also make sure that they are regular sized eggs, not the jumbo variety!

During our Easter theme our dramatic play area will turn into a flower shop. The children can make flower arrangements and sell them to their customers. The sensory table will contain Easter grass, eggs, and spoons to help the children work on their fine motor skills. The math and science tables will contain "egg"periments, Easter counting, jelly bean graphing and sensory eggs. At the writing center the children will engage in an alphabet bunny matching game, an Easter beginning letter sounds game, learn about the Easter story, and participate in an upper/lower case letter matching game. Easter art projects include crosses, chicks, bunnies, and eggs. The children will also make and bake Lenten pretzels and resurrection rolls. This year we will be having an egg drop experiment that will take place during our party. Send an egg enclosed in materials that will keep it from breaking when we drop it out of the window from the gym. I have seen bubble wrap covered eggs packaged in boxes, parachutes, styrofoam, etc. Be creative! Hopefully there will be no breakage!!! Send them in on the morning of April 17th.

At the end of April, and into May our theme will be Eric Carle's wonderful world of bugs. During our bug theme, we will be focusing on literature by Eric Carle. He has so many awesome books with bugs as characters. We will be exploring crickets, click beetles, caterpillars, butterflies, lady bugs, bees, and fireflies. Our art projects will also follow along with the literature. At the math/science table the children will explore the life cycle of the butterfly, make patternpillars, engage in ant counting, explore numbers through a buggy bingo number game, and play bug concentration. They will also learn about the importance of bees and how bugs pollinate the plants and flowers. We will discuss what attributes make up an insect. During our bug theme, we will be turning our dramatic play area into a campground. The children will be able to cook out on the grill and go fishing!
April looks to be a fun month! Hopefully, we have some nice spring weather!

Happy Easter,
Miss Michelle

