

Miss Bonnie's Newsletter

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only son into the world that we might live through him.
1 John 4:9

Time flies when you're having fun! How fortunate I am to work in an environment that brings so much pleasure! As this month of April begins and Easter approaches I start to realize that soon I will need to say goodbye to my students who have found a special place in my heart. I have truly enjoyed the children and hope to fill the remaining time with exciting and enriching experiences.

Emphasis for the month of April will be on our Savior and his message of forgiveness. This message will be integrated throughout the curriculum. We will talk about what it means to prepare our hearts for Jesus. We will discuss how much God loves us, that we are his children and that Jesus is our savior. Through songs and finger plays we will learn the story of his sacrifice and the Good News of his resurrection. (The Easter Story)

April brings to mind images of rain, umbrellas, flowers and other Spring happenings. The weather is improving and the kiddos are shaking off the cabin fever they experienced in the winter months. No matter what the season, there's always weather. Especially here in Ohio! Weather activities can be incorporated in science explorations as well as seasonal and other learning themes. This theme promises to be busy and exciting. Exploring STEAM activities such as, rainbow in a jar, creating walking water, and discovering why the sky is blue will give more meaning to weather and its many changes. I'm almost certain April will give us a chance to create some rain painting art, a tornado in a bottle, making rain clouds and other weather science. April rains bring to mind Noah and the flood, which will be our Bible story. It also brings to mind rainbows, which we will create.

Math is coming along amazingly well! I'm able to change up more often, which means the kiddos are able and willing to learn more. We will use Roll it, Write it, Count it mats, snap cubes, number and pattern cards and missing number clip sticks to help reinforce numbers 0-20.

Many yummy delicious learning snacks are scheduled for this weather theme, to name a few, umbrellas (oranges), sunny pancakes, and fruit flowers.

Books about weather like *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, by Judi Barrett, *The Wind Blew*, by Pat Hutchins, and *Little Cloud* by Eric Carle and more will be added to our Book Buddy area.

The Easter Party will take place Wednesday, April 17th. I am asking for each child to turn in an empty 2-liter bottle by April 5th. Also, for the Easter celebration I would like each child to bring 15 stuffed plastic eggs, either with candy or trinkets; due before April 13th. Also, please let me know if you can stop in and help with the party on the 17th.

God bless,
Miss Bonnie & Miss Vicky

