

# APRIL

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## Easter is Really for Jesus

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Easter is not just for the Bunny,  
With goodies and treats that he brings.  
Easter is when we must celebrate  
And allelulia is the song that we sing!

Easter is really for Jesus,  
Who died and then rose  
From the dead.  
We must always remember  
The love Jesus showed  
And all of the things that He said.

So, remember this Easter  
When you go to church,  
And this message you tell everyone.  
This Easter is all about Jesus  
And the Bunny and treats are just fun!



**TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO,  
EVEN WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.  
PROVERBS 22: 6**

# From the Front Desk

We have many exciting things planned for the last two months of the school year. Please mark your calendars so that you don't miss out on any of the fun!

Our Spring Open House is scheduled for Thursday evening, April 19th. This is a great opportunity for the children to show off all that they are doing and learning at school. All of our students and teachers work extremely hard to get ready for this night – we hope that you will make every effort to be there.

We also encourage you to take advantage of our “conference” week to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher. The teachers would love to be able to share with you valuable information about your child's overall development, strengths and weaknesses, and educational achievements.

## *Important Information:*

Don't forget that our “Online Review” incentive will continue through the months of April and May. Just bring in a copy of your online review, and you will receive a \$10.00 tuition credit.

We have already had several “flip-flop” related injuries this month. Please send your child to school in closed-toe shoes. Flip-flops and high-heeled shoes are not appropriate.

## *Upcoming Events:*

- April 16-20: Scholastic Book Fair
- April 18: Planetarium Field Trip (K-3rd Grade)
- April 19: Spring Open House
- April 20-27: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- May 7-11: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 23: End-of-Year School Picnic
- May 25: Last Day of School
- May 26: Kindergarten Graduation
- May 28: Memorial Day (Appleaseed is Closed)



Barbara Kilpatrick, Director

# Nursery Rhymes

We are excited to announce some big changes in the nursery. We are transitioning at the end of this month into a toddler room for children ages 18 months and up. We will be removing all of the cribs in the next few weeks, thus freeing up more space for the children to roam and play.

We will also be adding more elements to the children's learning environment. We believe that the smaller range of ages in the nursery will allow us to better meet the needs of the children.

The children are really enjoying the warmer weather and spending more time outdoors. Please make sure that your child has closed-toe shoes – sandals and flip-flops are very dangerous on the playground for this age group.

We would also like to welcome our two newest additions to the nursery – Talan and Jayden. We are really looking forward to getting to know them and their families.

Ms. Francis, Ms. Doreen & Ms. Brandi

# Terrific 2's

We will be adding new letters M, R, and N. Our numbers will be 17 and 18. Our shape is the star, and our colors are black and yellow.

This month is very busy, so please check your child's folder for all of the upcoming events. We have a birthday girl in our room this month. We wish a Great Big Happy Birthday to Brooklyn, who turns 3 on April 27th! To infinity and beyond....

Ms. Ronda

# Spring Rain

by Marchette Chute

The storm came up so very quick  
It couldn't have been quicker.  
I should have brought my hat along,  
I should have brought my slicker.  
My hair is wet, my feet are wet,  
I couldn't be much wetter.  
I fell into a river once  
But this is even better.



# Thinking 3's

3...2...1...BLAST OFF!

We are blasting off and exploring all things space – the planets, shining stars, astronauts, and much more. We are even having space snacks!

Our trip to the Planetarium will include a special appearance by Big Bird! The rest of the month, we will be working hard to prepare for Open House on April 19th. We hope to see you there!

Ms. Lindsey & Ms. Dunn

# Forward Moving 4's

We're blasting off into a new adventure! This month, our classes will navigate through the Milky Way, challenge the laws of gravity, and even cook and seal our own space food. Our new unit, "Blast Off to Space," packs all the knowledge of our solar system in one fun-filled month. So don't be surprised if your little space explorer comes home counting stars and naming planets.

To top it all off, our unit this month includes a visit to the Planetarium at UT Arlington, where Elmo will give us a guided tour through the night sky!

Get your telescopes out. This is sure to be a "blast!"

*Learning Focus:* 17, 18, M, R, N, Yellow, Black, Star

*Recommended:* kidsastronomy.com; nasa.gov (Kid's Club)

*Happy Birthday:* Daniel (Mrs. Johnson's Class) on April 14

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Hutchison

# Kinder Correspondence

In Math, we are going to be talking about calendars and graphs. When we finish graphs, we will start working on more complex concepts to prepare the children for First Grade.

In Reading, we are going to continue to work on the letters and their sounds, rhyming, and comprehension. Your child will also be taking the TPRI this month.

In Science and Social Studies, we are going to be talking about Earth Day. We will also do a unit on butterflies, which includes learning about their life cycles, labeling the parts of the caterpillar and butterfly, eating like a butterfly, and learning how to take care of them. The children are really enjoying watching the real caterpillars transform into butterflies in our classroom! We will be releasing them at the end of April.

Mrs. Bridges

## First Grade Fill-In

This school year is just flying by! First Grade will be busy this month, so make sure to check your student's calendar.

This month in Science, we will be learning about energy. In Reading and Grammar, we will work with "ow," "ou," and "oo" sounds, as well as commands, exclamations, sequence and summarization. In Math, we will finish up our counting money unit and move on to fractional parts. In Spanish, we are going to learn numbers 11-20, along with classroom and food vocabulary. In Social Studies, we will be starting a family project. While in class, we will learn facts about each individual state.

Happy Birthday to Preston (April 9), Lauren Hicks (April 15), and Allyson (April 29)!

Mrs. Rouvaldt



## 2nd & 3rd Grade Scoop

April is here, and our calendar is packed! We will be talking about Easter, Dinosaurs, Outer Space, and Texas History this month.

The 2nd Graders will be reviewing realism vs. fantasy and contractions in Language Arts. In Science, we'll be learning about sounds and pitches, as well as Earth and space. Our Social Studies focus will be people and places in history, and multiplication and division in Math.

The 3rd Graders will be focusing on patterns and special relationships, sounds and pitches, and types of government. In Language Arts, we will be discussing main idea and detail, as well as different types of adjectives.

We are coming along nicely with our Spanish lessons. This month, we will be working on the names of classroom objects and clothing items.

Keep Reading!  
Mrs. Taylor