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April Fool's Day

Mackenzie put a whoopie cushion on the teacher's chair.
Makayla told the teacher that a bug was in her hair.

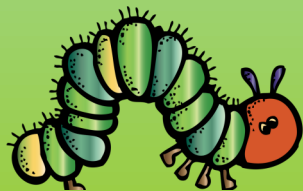
Alyssa brought an apple with a purple gummy worm and gave it to the teacher just to see if she would squirm.

Elijah left a piece of plastic dog doo on the floor, and Vincent put some plastic vomit in the teacher's drawer.

Amanda put a goldfish in the teacher's drinking glass. These April Fool's Day pranks are ones that you could use in class.

Before you go and try them, though, there's something I should mention: The teacher wasn't fooling when she put us in detention.

—Kenn Nesbitt



Train up a child in the way he should go,
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

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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 18th. 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.

Friday, April 26th will be “Western Day.” All of our little cowboys and cowgirls will have a chance to ride a pony, meet some real farm animals, and learn to dance the “Cotton-eyed Joe.” Yee-haw!

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 “Review” incentive will continue through the month of April. Just bring in your written review or a copy of your online review, and you will receive a \$20.00 tuition credit.

As the weather gets warmer, the children will be able to spend more time outdoors. Please make sure that your child wears sunscreen or brings spray sunscreen to school every day. Also, please be sure to send your child to school in closed-toe shoes. Flip-flops and high-heeled shoes are not allowed.

Upcoming Events:

April 15-19:	Scholastic Book Fair
April 18:	Spring Open House
April 22-25:	Parent-Teacher Conferences
April 26:	Western Day
May 8-10:	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 13-17:	ITBS Testing (K-2nd Grade)
May 27:	Memorial Day (Appleseed is Closed)
May 29:	End-of-Year School Picnic
May 31	Last Day of School
June 1:	Kindergarten Graduation



Happy Spring!
Barbara Kilpatrick, Director

Music Notes

April 18th is Open House, and for music class that means our Spring Show. All of the children are working hard to prepare for their performances. I am looking forward to seeing all of the parents, grandparents and siblings that night.

After Open House, we will focus on lessons of rhythm and understanding how music works. We'll also have a lot of fun learning the “Cotton-eyed Joe” on Western Day!

—Mr. Casey

Terrific 2's

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. It's hard to believe another month has passed so quickly. The kids had a great time hunting Easter eggs. Thanks for sending the eggs and candy!

Our unit this month will be "Cowboys, Dunes and Deserts." We will put our boots on, grab our hats, and head to the rodeo. We may even try our hand at using a lasso! We will spend the remainder of the month in the Sahara Desert and the Mojave Desert, learning all about them and the animals that make their home there. Watch out, in case a rattlesnake or coyote come back with us from our adventures.

We have a new student to welcome to our class — Elias Bradford. We hope he has a great time at Applesseed! Don't forget to check your child's folder calendar for important dates.

Love, Ms. Ronda



Thinking 3's

Howdy y'all!!!

It's a month of cowboys, cowgirls, dunes and deserts, 'round here. We are all gonna be workin' hard this month to get ready for a visit from everyone's Ma and Pa at open House on April 18th.

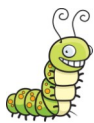
Workin' on letters H, I, and Y, followed by the numbers 17 and 18.

We will find what can be found in the Sahara and Mojave deserts such as pyramids, camels and plants.

We'll tackle topics like, "Why do cowboys and cowgirls wear hats and boots?" We'll also learn about the horses they ride and the rope with which they lasso them. The desert night is an adventure on its own, going from steaming days to chilly nights. It's gonna be a rowdy and fun month!!

Happy Birthday to Jaylin on April 2nd and Jennifer on April 22nd!!

—Mrs. Foreman and Ms. Lindsey



Forward Moving 4's



It's hard to believe that it is already spring. We hope you had a fantastic Easter, and we thank you for your Easter egg donations. The kids had a blast on their egg hunt. Be sure to ask your child about the resurrection eggs we learned about in Chapel.

We had so much fun exploring the world of Bees and Butterflies last month. The children were searching for bees anytime they were outside. We all learned to appreciate the work that bees do and to better understand them. We will begin "growing" our very own butterflies in the classroom. It will be exciting to see the changes firsthand after learning about it.

This month is all about "Cowboys, Dunes and Deserts." We will study the job of a cowboy and learn about the rodeo. We will find out about the various creatures that live in the desert and what the environment is like, as well. The classes will be making their very own "horse treat trail mix" and a "desert dessert," which are sure to be a hit.

Please remember to have an extra set of clothes in your child's backpack every day. Even a spilled drink sometimes requires changing clothes. Also, don't forget to take your child's nap items home each week for washing.

Mark your calendars for Open House on April 18th. The children have been working very hard in music for this special night, and they love to show everyone their class work and art.

Learning Focus: H, I, Y, 17, 18, **Brown**, **Orange** and Square.

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Lucas Wright on the 12th.

— Mrs. James and Ms. Fischer

Kindergarten

Round 'em up, Cowpokes! We are beginning the month of April learning some Texas History and reading some great cowboy themed books. Our caterpillars are on their way, and soon we will watch them transform into a beautiful group of butterflies. We will also stomp around like dinosaurs this month and spend some time learning more about the weather.

In Reading & Language, we are really “going places” this month as all our books focus on various forms of transportation in make-believe stories and a few real-life ones too. We will review much of the grammar we have learned so far like questions, dates, nouns and verbs. I am so proud of how well each student is beginning to write words and sentences on their own! Math is getting more interesting with measurement and time coming up this month. Don't be surprised if your measuring tape begins to disappear at home as your child explores this new skill! In Science, we're finishing up “how things move” and switching over to space with “day & night.” We will be winding down our year of Social Studies by learning all about the family unit.

It is hard to believe only one more month and these precious Kindergartners will be graduating! Please continue reading daily with your child and give them lots of opportunities to share what they are learning at home!

—Mrs. Johnson

First Grade Fill-In

April is here and signs of Spring are all around! March was a very exciting month here in First Grade. I really enjoyed hearing about everyone's adventures with Flat Stanley, and I especially loved our Rainforest unit. We also learned that the real meaning of Easter goes far beyond bunnies and candy-filled eggs.

This month, we will have some fun learning about Texas and the state symbols. Then we will pretend to be paleontologists and learn all about dinosaurs.

We also have some new little friends in our class this month...caterpillars!! We will be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and we will be able to watch it first-hand in our classroom. We will end the month learning about zoo & safari animals.

In Math this month we will begin working with adding and subtracting tens and ones and then we will start looking at geometry and spatial reasoning. In Social Studies, we will continue our seasons and weather unit. I was so impressed with everyone's “Meteorologist Report.” In Science, we will be learning about the three types of matter: solids, liquid and gases. In Reading and Language Arts, we will be looking at commands, exclamations, and how to begin a sentence. We will also be working on story structure, summarizing, and monitoring and editing writing.

Remember to encourage your child to keep studying their spelling words and to KEEP READING!

I hope to see everyone at Open House on Thursday, April the 18th.

—Miss Witherspoon 

2nd Grade Scoop

April is here, and our calendar is packed! We will be looking at units on Texas History, Dinosaurs, Weather, and Butterflies! I look forward every year to our Weather unit. When I was a child, I dreamed of being a meteorologist.

Last month, over Spring Break, our class did a unit with Flat Stanley. Stanley was very busy over the vacation! He went to the Dallas Farmer's Market, the Perot Museum, the Zoo, Fossil Rim, and he even met the Mayor of Mesquite!

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 lessons will be about people and places in history. Our Math studies are going to be fun with a focus on length and area, as well as multiplication.

We are coming along nicely with our Spanish lessons. This month, we will be learning the Spanish words for people in our family and names of animals. The students enjoy being able to have conversations while slipping Spanish in, too.

We are on the last lesson of our Bible Study curriculum we've been studying this year! We have been learning about the Fruits of the Spirit, and this month we will finish with a lesson on how to live by the Spirit.

We will be doing the final round of TPRI Testing the week of April 8th. Happy Birthday to Preston (4-7), Lauren H. (4-15), and Allyson (4-29).



Keep Reading, Mrs. Taylor