

March



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May the Road Rise to Meet You

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you
in the palm of His hand.

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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 several special events planned for the months of March and April, including our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and our Spring Open House. Please mark your calendars so that you won't miss out on any of the excitement.

Also, we will begin registration for our Summer Camp and for the 2013-2014 School Year the week after Spring Break. Please watch your child's folder for brochures and registration forms.

Review Incentive

During the months of March and April, we will be offering an incentive to our parents to provide reviews of their experience at Appleseed Academy, either written or on-line. Some of the websites that accept reviews are listed below:

www.insiderpages.com

www.maps.google.com

www.education.com

www.dallas.citysearch.com

www.merchantcircle.com

Just bring in your written review or a copy of your on-line review, and you will receive a \$20.00 tuition credit.

We appreciate your help in getting the word out about Appleseed Academy!

Upcoming Events:

March 22: Report Cards – 3rd Quarter (K-2nd Grade)

March 25: Scholastic Book Orders Due (Preschool)

March 28: Easter Egg Hunt

March 29: Good Friday (Appleseed is Closed)

April 8-12: TPRI Testing (K-2nd Grade)

April 15-19: Scholastic Book Fair

April 18: Spring Open House



Music Notes

Hello parents and family members! Next month is Open House and we are hard at work preparing for the Spring show. Some of the repertoire include "Do Re Mi" from The Sound of Music, "Planting Flowers" to the tune of "Frere Jacques," and "Hold Us Together," by Matt Maher.

Along with practicing for the Spring show, I have been working with each class on different types of rhythm appropriate for their age group. For example, the 4 year olds will take turns clapping and counting quarter notes with one eighth note in the measure, while the 2nd graders are learning about the subdivisions of a beat and how those can affect the feel of a song.

I look forward to helping your children learn songs and gain a deeper understanding about music. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to ask. Here's a to a great month in Music Class at Appleseed!

Mr. Casey

Terrific 2's



The 1st day of Spring is officially March 20th, but some signs of Spring are already showing. The trees are budding and the birds are singing.

Our unit this month is "Bees and Butterflies." We will become beekeepers as we learn how bees communicate, their jobs in the hive, and meet the "Queen" - bee that is! We will also learn and see for ourselves how a caterpillar becomes a beautiful butterfly through metamorphosis.

Our letters this month will be B, Q and N, and our numbers are 14, 15 and 16. Our shape will be a hexagon, and our colors are **BLACK** and **YELLOW**.

We have 2 birthday boys in our class this month. **A GREAT BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Jaxon, who turns 3 on March 8th, and Tyrese, who turns 3 on March 24th. We would also like to welcome William Ross back to Appleseed. Remember to check your child's folder calendar for many important dates in March. I hope you enjoy Spring as much as I do!

Love, Ms. Ronda



Thinking 3's

With spring just around the corner, what better time to present our



"Bees and Butterflies" unit?

This month we will be learning about the life of a honey bee, what makes it an insect, how it helps or hurts, and its special features. We will also learn about the life cycle of a butterfly and maybe even get to raise some of our own. To add to the fun we will be having this month, we are going to be using our **GREEN**-thumbs to plant some vegetables in our garden here at Appleseed Academy.

Our letters this month will be B, Q, and N and our numbers will be 14, 15, and 16. Our shape is the hexagon, and our colors are **BLACK** and **YELLOW**.

A great big Happy Birthday to Kimber on March 9th, Emerson on March 19th, and Jaylen on March 26th.

Mrs. Foreman & Ms. Lindsey



Forward Moving 4's



February was a month of fun, excitement and fitness! Our children learned the importance of eating right and how we can take care of our bodies.

While we are sad to see February go, we have lots of exciting things planned for the month of March as we study "Bees and Butterflies." We will be planting a Spring garden full of vegetables, and watching real caterpillars make the change from caterpillar to beautiful butterfly.



We are so blessed that we get to share these awesome learning experiences with your child and are looking forward to all the excitement that Spring will bring. This month's birthdays include: Marquis McManis on the 6th and Clara Johnson on the 25th, so let's make sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!

Mrs. James & Ms. Fischer

Kinder Korner

March is here already! It's hard to believe, but we are quickly approaching the end of our year as Kindergarteners. February was a very memorable month for us all with the 100th Day of School, our class Valentine's Day party, and our celebration of Dr. Seuss! Did everyone spot Ms. Frizzle from the Magic School bus in 2nd grade...and Martin Luther King Jr. in 1st? Here in Kindergarten, we had several princesses, a ladybug, a shy kitten, and even Spiderman!

Easter is at the end of this month, so we are learning about the real reason for Easter during our Bible lessons all month and during our theme time for the last week of March. Be sure to discuss at home what your child is learning, to help them better understand the true meaning of this special holiday. Our other special themes this month are about a boy who was squashed "flat like a pancake" and his many adventures, and we will also take an imaginary trip through the rainforest. Of course, Spring Break is March 11-15, and I hope you all get to have some fun...even if you're not taking a trip!

Other objectives this month will be: Language Arts — finish unit "Lets Explore" where we read several adventure books; Math — Geometry and Measurement; Social Studies — The U.S.A. past and present; and Science — How things Move. Happy 6th Birthday to our friend Grace on the 19th! Keep reading!

Mrs. Johnson



First Grade Fill-In

March is here and that means Spring is just around the corner! February was a fun-filled and exciting month. Thank you to everyone who helped make our Valentine's Day party such a delightful and memorable experience. I know the children appreciated it very much.

For the month of March, I am excited to report that we will be having some fun with "Flat Stanley!" We will be reading the story and then creating our own "Flat Stanleys" to play with over Spring Break. After we get back from Spring Break, the children will tell us all about the fun they had with him.

After our Spring Break, we will learn about the Rainforests and the important role they play, as well as the animals that live there. We will wrap up the month by learning about Easter and the reason we recognize this holiday.

In Reading and Language Arts, we will continue our study on adjectives. We will also be reviewing compound words and learning about commands. In science, we will be learning about the four seasons and weather. I'm really looking forward to this and have an exciting "family project" planned! In Math, we will be working with fractional parts and studying addition and subtraction facts to 18.

First Grade did AMAZING on their spelling tests in February and have set a goal for 100's in the month of March. If they can all make a 100 on a pre-test day, I have agreed to let them have a popcorn and movie party on the following day (Friday). Help your child study each day so they can meet their goal.

Please remember to sign binders and reading logs each day.

Miss Witherspoon

2nd Grade Scoop

March is here, and we are ready for some Spring weather! February ended with a fun unit about Dr. Seuss and the students dressing up as their favorite story book characters. Everyone's ideas were so creative and fun!

This month's themes include a unit with "Flat Stanley," Rainforests, and Easter. We will use the "Flat Stanley" theme for a project over Spring Break (the week of March 11th). At our annual Easter Egg Hunt (3/28), our class will hide the Easter eggs for the younger classes and help the Toddlers hunt. It is always so sweet to watch these "big kids" guide and assist our younger friends.

The 2nd graders will be looking at using place value to compare numbers, as well as time and temperature in Math. In Social Studies, we'll study U.S. History, and forces and motion in Science. In Language Arts, we will learn about sequencing, graphic organizers and using prior knowledge, as well as types of pronouns.

The Spanish lessons this month include places in our community and parts of our body. The kids have learned quite a few Spanish words and phrases so far — keep practicing them at home. I'm sure that our students would love to teach their parents some Spanish.

Make sure you encourage your child to read every night! Happy Birthday to Kaitlyn (3-9), and Addison (3-20)!

Mrs. Taylor