



April News

Only two months of school left! We have lots to do before the end of May!

This month we will be focusing on the end of the alphabet, spring colors, ovals, community helpers and nutrition. We are also going to start concentrating on some more kindergarten skills. We have been working on independent problem solving and classroom skills, meaning that the kids will be encouraged to work out more of their social problems on their own (with supervision of course) and continue to work on things like raising hands to talk and other classroom manners.

Kindergarten will mean learning lots of new things for kids and parents. To help you as parents prepare for kindergarten we are asking that the last two months of school be practice for you as well. Please send a bag, any bag/backpack, with your child **each day**. Lots of projects will be coming home in the last couple months of school and your child will need to take a bag back a forth to kindergarten each day. Also, public schools will not tolerate early/late arriving students or parents, so please continue to be on time when dropping and picking up your child at preschool. Another big thing to continue (you are all doing a great job!) for both you and the kids is to allow the kids to enter the classroom by themselves and hang up their belongings on their own. Hugs and kisses are great but say good bye at the door and send them on their way. (This one is really for the mom's as you may not be able to walk them to class next year so start practicing now. ☺) We hope that this will help you and your family with the transition ahead of you in the fall.

Remember our Fire Station Field trip on Thursday, April 12th, no regular class that day, we will meet at the Shoreline Safety Center at 10am. Spring Break is April 17, 18, 19 so no classes those days. You should see some small plants come home after spring break. The kids will get to watch them sprout and grow. We are learning about seeds, plants and gardens. You may even see some of our garden come home on your kids, so make sure they don't wear any special clothes to school on rainy days. The kids will get to dig, hoe and rake when the sun comes out so we can learn how plants grow. This will lead to learning that our plants can be healthy food which leads to our unit on nutrition.

We have a few special days next month to make note of... we will have a special Mother's day snack time planned for May 10th at 11:15am. All mom's or dad's are welcome to come and join us. The last day of school is May 24th and we will have a send off celebration that morning with families invited to celebrate with us at 11:15am. If your child has a birthday in the summer months, we would still like to help them celebrate and we will do that in May as well, please let me know of a day that works for you. April showers bring May flowers and hopefully warmer weather,
Jana and Sari

