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April Calendar

April 3 - Science Fair

April 5 - Toddler/Preschool

Spring Luncheon/Egg Hunt

April 6 - Good Friday

(school/care closed)

April 8 - Easter Sunday

April 22 - Earth Day

April 27 - Arbor Day

May 1 - Summer/Fall

Registration Due

Room 102: This month we will be focusing on respect of our environment. We will celebrate Earth Day and learn about the importance of recycling. We will discuss Africa, oceans and seashells. We will be reading books by Bill Martin Jr. and listening to music by Mozart and of course we will be doing plenty of art based on Earth, Africa and Oceans! Also we'll be watching our cup of grass grow!

We would like to welcome Siena Finto who moved-up from room 101 and welcome Arnav Shetty who is new to our school!

From the classroom:

Room 101: This month we will talk about Earth Day, recycling and respect for environment. During art, we will be making animal paintings (Africa). We would like to welcome Kylin Abbot and Elizabeth Retiff to our class.

We would like to acknowledge Hunter Brown who is participating in our circle time, singing and saying animal sounds, some colors and many new words!

Room 103: Wow, April showers may bring May flowers but we have fun projects planned for 103. April 5th will be our annual egg hunt & spring luncheon. Every child will need to bring 24 filled eggs with little trinkets. Remember eggs can't be filled with candy. Our nutritional policy must be followed. Please send in these eggs by April 2nd to assure all children have eggs. Please send a labeled basket to collect eggs. Also, check 103's clipboard for needed items for the spring fling.



Please remember to put your child's name in their jackets and on all cups etc.

THANK YOU

We would like to welcome Kamron Kibbe who moved up from room 102 and Brandon Booker who is new to our school!

Classroom News

Room 104:

We will continue our study of spring, learning about the parts of the plant and flower in life science, also we will hatch live butterflies and learn the parts of a butterfly. We will germinate seeds and plant them in our garden.

Please send in 24 plastic eggs filled with trinkets, stamps, etc., (please no candy).

Please send a basket labeled with your child's name for our egg hunt which will be Thursday, April 5th.

Welcome to our classroom Diya Mattamana who moved up from room 102!

Room 105:

Science Fair is April 3rd. We would like to invite everyone to stop by that evening from 6 –7pm to see all the student projects.

We are finishing the Iowa Basic Skills test early this month. Conference scheduling will begin soon after testing ends. The sign up sheet will be in the front office.

Our spring party will be Thursday April 5th. We will do confetti eggs in lieu of an egg hunt. Please send no more than 2 dozen.

April Birthdays

101: 25 Jade Clark

102: 1 Kamron Kibbe

15 Aryana Mathew

103: 16 Brandon Booker

18 Andres Rodriguez

104: 3 Ava Abrego

10 Diya Mattamana

17 Tanya Morgan

20 Alyssa Rollins

23 Gabriel Cabral

105: 1 Mariana Rodriguez

25 Vijay Chaudahari

Staff: 15 Mrs. Howe

Theme: Earth Day / Recycling

Author: Bill Martin Jr.
(El: Shel Silverstein)

Artist: Matisse

Composer: Wolfgang Amadeus
Mozart

Continent: Africa

Virtue: Respect for environment

Misc: Poetry Month, Seashore,
Oceans

School Holiday

School and Care will be closed Friday, April 6th (Good Friday)

Egg Hunt

April 5th, the Toddler & Preschool classes will celebrate spring with our annual egg hunt. Your child will need to bring 24 trinket-filled plastic eggs to share. Please fill the eggs with age-appropriate items: erasers, stickers, raisin boxes, goldfish, etc. Be creative, but remember no candy or balloons. Your child will need a basket or container, labeled with his or her name, to hunt for the eggs.

The Elementary class will do confetti eggs in lieu of an egg hunt. Please send no more than 2 dozen confetti eggs.



We want to thank Bella's grandmother, Mary Majumdar, for getting books for Room 102 every month.
Thank you for being our BOOK GRANDMA !!!

Registration Forms

The Summer/ Fall registration forms will be available soon. Please fill out the registration form and return by May 1st in order to assure your child's space in our program.

Remember to Update

Addresses and phone numbers change from time to time, and it is easy to forget to tell us. This includes updates to the emergency information as well as pick-up information and phone numbers. Please pick-up your child's information sheet and update everything. Return it to the office no later than May 1st.

National TV—Turn off Week

April 23—29



Before entering Kindergarten the average youth has spent 5000—8000 hours staring at a television. For three to five year old children, this huge amount of inactivity occurs during the height of their brain's critical period for cognitive and language development, potentially hindering vital learning abilities such as paying attention and communicating. During the week of April 23 –29, millions of Americans will voluntarily turn off their TV sets for seven days and rediscover that life can be more constructive, rewarding, and healthy, even relaxing with more time and less TV.

Interesting facts about TV

- Number of 30-second commercials seen in a year by an average child: 20,000
- Number of minutes per week that parents spend in meaningful conversation with their children: 38.5
- Percentage of day care centers that use TV during a typical day: 70
- Hours per year the average American youth spends in school: 900 hours
- Hours per year the average American youth watches television: 1500
- Percentage of Americans that regularly watch television while eating dinner: 66

