

# Mrs. Haun's April News



Welcome to warm spring weather and another month of learning. This time of the year always moves quickly and there is a lot going on.

We will spend April discussing signs of spring, and the life cycles of plants and animals. In science we will be planting seeds and watching them grow. Ladybugs, caterpillars and butterflies will be explored later in the month.

Easter will be observed on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> with an egg hunt on the playground and viewing an Easter story video. Bible stories will focus on new life in Christ, love that can start small like a mustard seed, Jesus healing the woman who could not stand up, and the story about the Good Shepherd.

The weather does change daily, sometimes hourly, spring keeps us on our toes. Please remember to send a jacket/sweater each day and for children to wear safe running shoes as we will try to go outside as often as possible. Friendly reminder, we do often get snow in April, so don't put away those boots and winter coats just quite yet!

Please come to us with any questions or concerns. Thankyou.

This month features:

- Letters: Nn; Kk; Xx; Yy
- number: 15
- shape: ovals and diamonds
- color: blue, pink, green, yellow

It Looks like Play.....

**Through Group activities and circle time a child:**

- Learns that his/her ideas have value to others
- Increases vocabulary
- Learns to listen, understand, and enjoy the spoken word
- Learns to listen to others and take turns speaking in a group
- Participates in planning in what the class will do
- Learns and uses the names of others in the class
- Practices patience and increases attention span
- Experiences routine and sequence of events, songs, and games

**Through outdoor and large muscle activities a child learns:**

- Strength, balance and large muscle coordination
- To use energy in a constructive way
- Concepts of speed, direction and location
- To negotiate and take turns
- To solve problems (what are the rules to the game we just invented?)
- Self-confidence as s/he develops and masters skills
- To cooperate with others when involved in group play
- To use imagination

## Home Fun

- Go on a nature walk and look for signs of spring: insects and bees, flowers like crocus and daffodil, buds and leaves on trees, bird's nests and baby ducks.
- Sort items around the house into small, medium, and large sizes.
- Play tic-tac-toe and let your child be the "x's".
- Use playing cards to place cards in numerical order, 1-10, - take out the face cards- then play slap Jack with the jacks included.
- Write little notes and post as reminders, i.e. remember backpack, errands to run, books to read, chores to do, people to visit