

HAPPY EASTER

THREES NEWS AND ACTIVITIES April 4-29 2022

LOOKING AHEAD: We will be going to Delhi Pet Center on Monday/Tuesday April 25/26. There is no cost for this trip. Please sign and return permission slips. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** this field trip is the first day back after Spring Break. **PLEASE DON'T FORGET!**

- **PLEASE HELP!** Some children are wearing boots and slip-on shoes to school. We hope that with warmer spring weather we will be able to spend more time outdoors. Even on those rainy days when we can't head outside we still go upstairs! **FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY PLEASE HAVE THEM WEAR GYM SHOES.** Without the proper shoes for safe play, it may be that a child be asked to sit out of some of the fun activities planned!
- **LEARNING TO WRITE:** While the children are engaged in activities which require holding a pencil or marker, we are watching how they write and hold their writing tool to determine whether or not they have developed the dexterity and small muscle strength to begin to encourage them to use the tripod grasp. Many young preschoolers are still using the fist grip, which is appropriate for the scribbling stage of writing. It is not until your child's scribbling begins to take on more order and recognizable shapes that the tripod grasp will help them to gain control in shape formation, which will later evolve into letter formation. As we see a child is ready we will be repositioning the pencil or marker.

Week of April 4



On **Monday/Tuesday**, we are going to make a carrot and glue it in the dirt! Not real dirt, of course, but dirt made out of paint! The carrot top will be made of our handprints! What a great keepsake this craft will be.

On **Wednesday/Thursday** we will make an Easter card. We have painted using lots of painting tools; brushes, sponges, bubble wrap and potato mashers. Now we are going to try a fork! A fork dipped in paint quite nicely creates a chick! We will add eyes and beak and draw little legs. We will read *The Easter Chick* by Geraldine Elschner.

On **Friday**, the MWF class will explore yet another way to use paint! Using a hairbrush and pastel colors they hope to make a masterpiece! This painting method not only helps children to explore paint but also helps develop fine motor skills.

This week your child will bring home a Ziploc bag. In the baggie you will find a plastic egg and instructions explaining what we need from you for a game we will play. These should be returned on the day of your child's Easter party.

Week of April 11



On **Monday/Tuesday** of this week we are going to either marble paint or spoon a small amount of paint on a bunny and use a large craft stick to spread the paint. Each child can choose which method he/she wants to use.

On **Wednesday**, Mrs. Koshover's class will have their Easter Party. On **Thursday**, Mrs. Brothers and Mrs. Long's classes will have their Easter Parties. **Each child should bring 2 white hard boiled eggs to school to color as well as the plastic egg sent home last week for the game we will be playing.** During our party, we will be filling our treat bags with the goodies that were sent in by parents. Thank you for your help! Each child will look at a number card by each goody to determine how many of that item they should count into their bag. We sure do hope the Easter Bunny will find the time to stop by for a visit! We will read *What Am I Easter* by Margaret Lewis. On **Wednesday**, the MWF class will be decorating a paper Easter basket using a small sponge and paint. They will also decorate paper eggs to add to the basket. Each child will count the eggs as they add them to their basket. We will notice which eggs are the same and which are different in color and/or pattern. We will read *Clifford's Happy Easter* by Norman Bridwell.

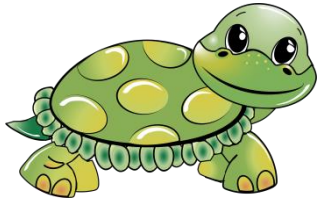
Mrs. Ewry's MWF class will have their party on **Friday**.

Week of April 18



NO SCHOOL!
SPRING BREAK!
HAPPY EASTER!

Week of April 25



On **Monday and Tuesday**, we will visit Delhi Pet Center. The AM classes (Mrs. Koshover/ Mrs. Brothers) will meet at the Pet Center 9:50AM. The PM classes (Mrs. Ewry/Mrs. Long) should meet at 12:20PM. The field trip starts at 10:00AM 12:30PM respectively. One adult is welcome to stay with his/her child. If you will NOT be staying with your child he/she should be picked up at 11:00AM (morning classes) or 1:30PM (afternoon classes) classes. **We will NOT be returning to school after the field trip.**

On **Wednesday/Thursday** we will discuss which animals make good pets and why other animals, such as those who live at the zoo, might not be such good pets! We will make a turtle for Art. We will review the shapes circle, oval and square as we glue brown tissue paper squares on a paper plate to make a turtle shell. We will read *The Foolish Tortoise* by Richard Buckley.

On **Friday**, the MWF class will read the book *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister and make their very own rainbow fish for art. They will use a smaller paintbrush than we have used in the past, which will aid those fine motor skills. Adding sparkles will certainly make those fish beautiful, too!