



E.L. Wiegand Early Learning Center April 2017 Newsletter

Tumbleweeds

Hello families! March was so much fun learning all about books! We are excited to dive into April and learn all about spring. We will also continue practicing tummy time, strengthening arm and neck muscles and encouraging crawling. As the weather gets warmer, we will be taking the babies outside in the shade for about 20 minutes a day. We will be providing Equate sunblock, but feel free to provide your own sunblock for your little ones. ~ Miss Cyndi, Miss Paloa, Miss Summer, Miss Amy



Bluebirds

March was so exciting reading and talking about books. Thank you to all our grandparents who came to have snack and read to us. In April we will be learning all about Spring, gardening, and Earth Day. The little ones will continue learning to walk while the older ones will continue to learn sign language (an amazing way of teaching our children how to communicate their needs and wants until they learn to talk). Keep in mind Spring weather is up and down so don't forget to dress your little ones in layers. Also check the art files daily for new master pieces. Happy Spring! ~ Miss Amberly, Miss Yavely, Miss Aracely, Miss Celeste

Wolves

Happy April Wolves Parents! March was such an exciting month for us. We read a ton of books, from Green eggs and Ham, all the way to my book of opposites. We learned/reviewed our colors when we read Brown Bear Brown Bear. We worked a lot on our fine motor skills. Thank you to all the parents that returned the ASQ's, we really appreciate it! Please remember to dress kids accordingly to the weather since Reno weather can be so unpredictable. We cannot wait to learn all about Spring this coming April. ~ Miss Mariela, Miss Erika, Miss Kacidee, Miss Corinne, Miss Kelly

Kindergarten

I hope you all enjoyed your Spring Break! I can't wait to see you all on April 3rd. We are ready to jump right in and continue with our word families and adding up to 10. We are just 10 weeks from graduation, can you believe it? Time is flying by! We will be working hard to learn, learn, learn.

Miss Tate



6 ways to teach our children about environmental awareness

1. Decorate reusable totes ~ Reusable totes compared to harmful plastic bags is a great way to reduce the amount of non degradable items you throw out daily. Picking out a plain bag at your local craft store and decorating it with your little ones is a great way to encourage everyone to actually use their work of art and help the environment.
2. Reuse materials for art projects ~ Shoe or tissue boxes, magazines or newspapers, leftover fabric, empty milk jugs, egg cartons, the possibilities are endless. Instead of ending in endless landfills never decomposing, it can be a work of art everyone in the house can enjoy.
3. Gardening ~ Cant say enough. Fresh air, exercise, creating a connection between food and the environment. Learning to care and nurture the environment. The joy of eating something you grew and it also being healthy for you. Need I say more?
4. Earth Day Scavenger Hunt ~ Make a list of things you know will be found outside in your area (rocks, sticks, dirt), and add man made items you might find that do not belong outside (empty soda bottles, chip bags, plastic items) to the list. Once everything has been gathered, talk about the rolls each item plays (good or bad) to the environment.
5. Pick up trash in your neighborhood ~ The kids are already picking up everything they see on the ground, why not use this still towards helping the environment? Grab some gloves and garbage bags and go to your favorite park, playground, or location near the river. Please keep a close eye and make sure they don't pick up anything sharp or harmful. Discuss the harmful effects from animals eating the trash and how long different things take to decompose. Plastic bag, 10 years. Soda can 200 years. Diapers, 500 years!



Happy Spring!

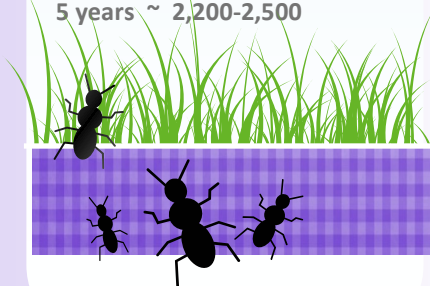


Director's Corner:

Spring is in the air! Well at least a couple of days it was. The next four months we have our big push to get all our Mustangs ready for Kindergarten! Our Foxes are working on their listening skills, following directions, writing their first name, counting to 10, fully dressing themselves so they can head to Mustangs! Rattlesnakes have these 4 months to be fully potty trained, fully dress themselves, can use center passes, recognize their name, and sit for group times. Our Wolves, Bluebirds and Tumbleweeds are all striving to reach their individual milestones. Spring conferences are May 15th thru the 19th. August 7th is when children graduate to the next classroom. We currently have waiting list in several rooms for fall so if you wish to change your schedule (add or drop days) let us know now so we can try and meet everyone's needs. Special thank you to everyone who has volunteered to bring items for the Staff Retreat!

Approximate Words in Expressive Vocabulary:

- 12 mos ~ 2-6 words
- 15 mos ~ 10
- 18 mos ~ 50
- 24 mos ~ 200-300
- 30 mos ~ 450
- 3 years ~ 1,000
- 4 years ~ 1,600
- 5 years ~ 2,200-2,500



Rattlesnakes

Happy Spring Rattlesnakes families! We're so excited about the season change that this month we will be focusing on everything spring! In the spirit of Spring, we will be raising caterpillars into butterflies! We will also continue practicing sharing, using scissors, and communicating our needs and wants to our friends. Remember that the spring weather is fickle, so layers are always a good idea! Just a reminder to check art folders, we do are AT LEAST once a day! ~ Miss Eden, Miss Kamrynn, Miss Sandra, Miss Maggie



Foxes

Hello parents! Finally Spring is here! The foxes have been taking full advantage of the fabulous weather. For the last week of March we read the Tine Seed by Eric Carle, which opened us up to our theme of the month for April. We started our "seed house" on our classroom window, so we will be able to see how the seed is able to sprout into a plant. Learning about the importance of seeing something so small grow into a strong plant is such an exciting transformation for us. Some of us choose to grow carrots and others flowers. All very important and has it's own roll. Please take advantage of this weather and take strolls with your little ones and point out the wonderful details of Springs! We can't wait to hear about it in class from your kids! If you have pictures of your walk, feel free to give them to Miss Caitlyn! Thank you so much! Miss Caitlyn, Miss Cassie, Miss Cassandra

Mustangs

Hello Mustangs families. We want to thank all the grandparents who came to visit with us for snack time and stories last month! We love seeing our families around the class and school. In fact if you would like to volunteer during class for our curriculum and activities, we'd love to invite you to come when you're available. A strong partnership between school and home enforces success and resilience for learning in children. Please, remember to leave toys at home, we teachers cannot guarantee it stays placed in cubbies from other friends to take. We wouldn't want special items to be lost forever. Happy Spring! Miss Tausha, Miss Shannon, Miss Keegan, Miss Jaci, Miss Catherine



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Xx	3	4	5 PJ Day	6 Teacher baskets due	7 Dress like a gardener (start planting)	8
9 Qq	10	11	12	13	14 Wear your Easter Best	15
16 Easter Ff	17	18	19	20	21 Community Clean up day	22 Earth Day
23 Letter Review	24	25	26	27	28 Spirit Day	29