## **April Newsletter**

Spring has *almost* finally sprung! As we enter into the final weeks of school, we have many fun things planned around the season like a gardening sensory table, making butterflies and a lady bug bulletin board coinciding with author Eric Carle's story, The Grouchy Ladybug. Soon, we will do a fun Math/Science graph about the four seasons which will show what our favorite season of the year is. We will also complete our alphabet with the letters "Y" and "Z". I can't stress enough how important it is to practice the alphabet letters at home as well. Lastly, our "Center of the Month" is an ABC learning center which is a culmination of all the letters.

This month, we will continue our Bible lessons with Miss Holly as well as Dance Studio with Miss Carol. Looking ahead, please also note that the "Week of the Young Child" will be held the week of May 13<sup>th</sup> this year. More information on that to follow in the coming weeks but since each day during that week will be a special theme/spirit day, we will need your help dressing the children in the appropriate attire for that day's events. The whole school participates together in this and it promises to be loads of fun for all the children!

Permission slips for the field trip to Story Book Land on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> were sent home this week. This is a friendly reminder to please hand in your slip and payment as soon as possible so that we have an appropriate head count. Also note, we're meeting at 9:45am SHARP in order to get the Step by Step discounted admission pricing. Latecomers will unfortunately pay full price for entry as we simply cannot have the entire student body and their families wait at the arrival gate for just a few. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

We will have an Easter egg hunt and party on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> for the M,W,F class and on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> for the T,TH and T,W,TH classes. The room parents of the T,TH and T,W,TH classes will be contacting you to ask about filling some plastic eggs with small nut free treats/toys for the kids to hunt (the MWF class is covered). We like each child to receive at least six eggs to take home so your help in providing around 70 eggs per class is greatly appreciated. We will not be putting out sign-up sheets this time as we have plentiful bins of snack that we'd like to use and please also note, this event is for the children only.

Our last in school, school wide event will be a magic show performed by Mrs. Craney on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Please look for the photos on our Facebook page soon.

Lastly, Spring Break begins on April 19 (Good Friday) and school resumes on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. We're looking forward to a busy and fun month and fantastic end to the school year! Thanks as usual for all of your support.

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