



What's New In Preschool-Week 29 & 30 April 2nd-April 12th

Dear Preschool Families,

I hope that you all had a wonderful spring break and that you had a chance to rest and relax with family and friends. It has been so nice to see our favorite little friends return to school this week!

Please be sure that you send your child with a coat or jacket appropriate for the weather of the moment! As we have seen these last few weeks, it can change on a dime but we do try to go out for recess whenever possible, so please try to be sure your kiddo is ready for those recess breaks.

April is the Month of the Military Child. We want to take this moment to recognize our military connected families and to thank you for your service. We know that your children serve, too and we thank you!

If your child will be returning to preschool with us next year, I will be reaching out to you with your placement as far as morning or afternoon within the next couple of weeks. I tried to keep your schedule the same unless you requested a change or if your child comes from the CDC and will turn 5 early in the year. I do my best to honor requests, but never guarantee a particular session because I know I won't always be able to meet those commitments. Sometimes, there are circumstances out of my control.

If you are concerned about the fact that Prop K was not passed by voters and how that might affect our program for the 24-25 school year, I can tell you that we will be fine. Our existing classrooms should be ok for the next few years. Prop K would have allowed us to expand to town and would have guaranteed the preschool opportunities we have now. From here on out, it will be a year to year decision depending upon the need for Kindergarten, 1st grade and Early Childhood Special Education classrooms. Again, for next year we'll be fine and there will be room for everyone returning to one of our programs.

This year our 4's program will be going on a field trip to Twisters in Warrensburg. Our 3's program will be taking a field trip to the park across the street from Whiteman Elementary. The 4s trips have been arranged and the details on the trip to the park will be announced closer to that date. Both trips will require a permission slip and no child will be allowed to participate without a signed note.

Just a reminder, if your child is going to kindergarten next year, we will provide the screening for both elementary buildings. We will share the same result paper that they would get if you had scheduled an appointment. No need to schedule a screening.

Missouri Early Learning Standards

Mathematics

III. Patterns and Relationships (Algebra)

- A. Develop an Awareness of Patterns
 1. Recognize patterns and relationships
 2. Duplicate and extend patterns
 3. Create patterns

A Preschooler May...

Discuss colors or patterns in their clothing, using phrases such as, "I have red and blue stripes on my shirt."

Recognize a pattern in a story

Repeat a pattern according to size, color and shape

Create more complex patterns using art materials and other toys

Begin to see and discuss patterns using words, such as cat, hat, mat and fat

Adults May...

Discuss patterns in the environment

Show the child different patterns using materials, such as blocks, beads or leaves

Play musical games that have patterns

Discuss patterns in books, charts and songs

Provide materials and objects for children to use to create patterns

Important Upcoming Dates!

April-Month of the Military Child

April 4th-Show What You Know Night

(Preschool students will have work on display in the hall, however our classrooms will not be open for this event)

April 8th-Eclipse-Preschool will not be participating in the watch.

Week of 8th-12th-Purple UP Spirit Week-Details coming from classroom teachers

April 10th-2:00 Dismissal (8:30-11, 11:30-2:00)

April 12th-Purple Up Day-Weather permitting we will go on a short walk, please watch for details from your child's teacher!

April 15th-Those students going to Kindergarten at KNE will take a tour!

April 17th-2:00 Dismissal (8:30-11, 11:30-2:00)

April 19th-Sangricco, Weber, Jackson and Hinote PM classes to Twisters

April 22nd-Sangricco, Weber, Rodgers and Hinote AM classes to Twisters

April 24th-2:00 Dismissal (8:30-11, 11:30-2:00)

April 26th-No School-Teacher Work Day

Kind Regards,

Tori Hunter

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