



Miss Kathy's Newsletter

April 1st – 4th

Monday/Tuesday

- **Fine-Motor Activity:** Children will have time at the beginning of the day to manipulate “Spring Time” play dough, using spring cookie cutters, scissors, rolling pins, etc.
- **Introduce the Letter “V” and “Victor the Vulture”**
- **Children will go on a letter “V” hunt in the classroom.**
- **Table Time Activity:** Children will paint in “V” picture for ABC Book
- **Fine-Motor Activity:** Children will make “Terrific Turtles” by gluing green tissue paper onto a paper plate.
- **Number 6 Boxes go home today!**
- **Patterning Activity:** Children will pattern with pattern blocks on the white board.

Wednesday/Thursday

- **Fine-Motor Activity:** Children will have time at the beginning of the day to manipulate chain links, coin patterning game, flower builders, and a marble maze.
- **Introduce “Danny Diamond”**
- **Children will go on a diamond hunt in the classroom.**
- **Table Time Activity #1:** Children will make “Danny Diamond” stick puppets.
- **Table Time Activity #2:** Children will count out their 6 items from their 6 boxes and do Work Jobs, counting out 3, 4, 5, and 6 items.
- **Sensory Table will be filled with multi-colored “water beads”.**

Number “6” Boxes

On Monday/Tuesday, the children will be bringing home their “6” Boxes. They can fill their boxes with six items from home, but they must be the same type of item. For example, they can bring in 6 marshmallows, 6 Legos, 6 buttons, or 6 sea shells. They sure get excited to show me what they have brought from home in their boxes. After they count them out for me, we will continue to work on number activities using “Work Jobs.” I call them work jobs, but they are really fun little items that they have to count out for me. For example, they might have to place 6 cookies on a plate, or 6 fish in a pond, or even 6 airplanes on a runway. We will also keep working on numbers 3, 4, and 5 this week.

Storytime Books for the Week:

- “The Tiny Seed” by Eric Carle – This is a story about a tiny seed that gets blown off of a flower in the fall and travels through the air on a very windy day. When the wind stops, it falls to the ground. The seed settles down and goes to sleep in the earth in winter. In spring, it starts to grow into a plant. In the summer, it grows and grows into a giant flower!
- “The Grouchy Ladybug” by Eric Carle – This is a story about a grouchy ladybug who does not want to share but just wants to fight with all the other animals around him, even ones that are bigger than him. At the end of the story, he is tired and hungry and the friendly ladybug shares with him.
- “The Very Lonely Firefly” by Eric Carle – As the sun set, a little firefly was born. It stretched its wings and flew off into the darkening sky. It was a lonely firefly and it flashed its light searching for other fireflies all night long. At the end of the story, it finally saw what it was looking for!
- “The Very Quiet Cricket” by Eric Carle – One warm day, from a tiny egg a little cricket was born. He rubbed his wings together to talk to his friends, but nothing happened. Not a sound. Eventually, the very quiet cricket got bigger and met another cricket and then he rubbed his wings together one more time, and this time.....He chirped the most beautiful sound she had ever heard!