



# ***Miss Kathy's Newsletter***

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**

## ***Tuesday/Wednesday***

- Introduce the Letter “V” and “Victor the Vulture”
- Children will go on a letter “V” hunt in the classroom and sing song, “Letters A to Z,” using alphabet stick puppets.
- Table-Time Activity #1: Children will glue Velcro on the letter “V”
- Table-Time Activity #2: Children will make lambs using wine corks for the hallway bulletin board, “Out Like a Lamb”.
- Storytime: Children will listen to the story, “What Makes the Weather?” by Janet Palazzo

## ***Thursday***

- Introduce “Danny Diamond”
- Children will go on a diamond shape hunt in the classroom and sing song using diamond stick puppets.
- Table Time Activity #1: Children will make “Danny Diamond” stick puppets.
- Table Time Activity #2: Children will watercolor paint in their names.
- Storytime: Children will listen to the story, “Rain” by Marion Dane Bauer.
- Science Activity: “Cloud in a Jar”

## **Cloud in a Jar Science Activity**

Making a rain cloud in a jar is a fun and easy way to teach children how it rains. This is the perfect hands-on science activity to teach weather at school or to enrich learning at home! To make our rain cloud in a jar we gathered a few simple items:

- Food coloring
- Water
- A clean jar
- Shaving cream
- Plastic pipettes

First, we mixed a few drops of food coloring into some water and set it aside. This was our “rain”. The children love this activity so much that you can use blue, yellow, purple, red, and green food coloring. I filled the glass jar about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way full with cool water. Then we made a fluffy cloud on top of the water using shaving cream. I sucked up some of the colored water into the pipette and then gently squirted it on top of the shaving cream cloud. As I squirted more and more colored water onto the shaving cream, the cloud became heavier and heavier. Within a few minutes, the first drops of colored rain made their way through the cloud and dropped into the water underneath. I continued to saturate the shaving cream clouds with water until they started to deflate and melt down the side of the jar.