



Miss Kathy's Newsletter

March 11th – 14th

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 "T" and "Tootie the Turtle"**
- **Children will go on a letter "T" hunt in the classroom.**
- **Table Time Activity:** Children will paint in "T" picture for ABC Book
- **Fine-Motor Activity:** Children will make "Terrific Turtles" by gluing green tissue paper onto a paper plate.
- **Number 4 Boxes go home today!**

Wednesday/Thursday

- **Fine-Motor Activity:** Children will have time at the beginning of the day to manipulate architect building sticks, K-nex builders, crystal climbers, and straw builders.
- **Introduce Nursery Rhyme, "Humpty Dumpty"**
- **Table Time Activity:** Children will count out their 4 items from their 4 boxes and do Work Jobs, counting out 1, 2, 3, and 4 items.
- **Fine-Motor Activity:** Children will complete "Humpty Dumpty's Wall" by snipping red strips of paper into smaller pieces.
- **Sensory Table will be filled with beans and St. Patrick's Day items.**

Number "4" Boxes

On Monday/Tuesday, the children will be bringing home their "4" Boxes. They can fill their boxes with four items from home, but they must be the same type of item. For example, 4 cars, 4 crayons, 4 jelly beans, or 4 cotton balls. 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 4 frogs in a pond, or 4 apples in a bucket, or even 4 ghosts in a haunted house. We will also keep working on numbers 1, 2, and 3 this week.

Storytime Books for the Week:

- "Strictly No Elephants" by Lisa Mantchev – Today is "Pet Club Day" and there will be cats, dogs, and fish. But strictly no elephants are allowed. The Pet Club doesn't understand that pets come in all shapes and sizes, just like friends. Now it is time for a boy and his tiny pet elephant to show them what it means to be a true friend.
- "Bear Wants More" by Karma Wilson – When springtime comes, in his warm winter den, a bear wakes up very hungry and thin! Bear digs and he paws, but the bear wants MORE! He eats so much that he doesn't even fit into his own front door!
- "What Makes the Weather?" by Janet Palozzo – In this story, the children will learn that the sky tells us the weather. Clouds mean rain. Some clouds mean snow. And some clouds that are fluffy and white mean it is a beautiful day! And clouds close to the ground are called fog.
- "Umbrella" by Taro Yashima – This Caldecott Honor Book is about a little girl named Momo. On her third birthday she receives red rubber boots and an umbrella as a gift from her parents. She has to wait and wait, what seems like forever, to wear her boots and umbrella outside. But finally it rains and she puts on her boots and opens her umbrella and walks to school. On her umbrella, the raindrops make wonderful music, something she has never heard before.