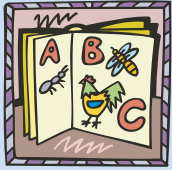


BEDTIME



READING CLUB

March's Featured Book of the Month is

Go Away Big Green Monster by Ed Emberly. It emphasizes color and retelling the sequence of the story events.

April highlights *Click, Clack, Quackity, Quack* by Doreen Cronin or *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin, Jr.. These book selections provide practice with alphabet recognition.

May shares a book titled *Alphabet Rescue* by Audrey Wood. Ask your child what was discovered behind the firehouse!

FAMILY



FUN RECIPE

SUNSHINE BISCUITS

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 or 2 Packages of Refrigerator Biscuits
- Apple Jelly
- Plastic knife or scissors

Separate the biscuits onto a cookie sheet. Snip the edges 1/2 way to the center to form the "rays" of the sun. Push down the center w/ your thumb to create an indent. Fill the indent w/ a small spoonful of the apple jelly. Bake as directed on biscuit container. Serve warm and enjoy your very own sunshine biscuit!

Dr. Vicki's VIEW...

READING TIPS FOR TODDLERS AND PRESCHOOLERS

Your active toddler is beginning to develop language and an interest in books. Use these tips to get their attention:

- Don't expect them to sit still for a book – they may be moving but they are listening.
- Recite rhymes, sing songs and make mistakes – see if your toddler catches your mistake!
- Begin reading often choosing short and simple choices – toddlers have short attention spans so look for a book that is big on pictures and short on text.

The preschool years are critical to developing a lifelong love of reading. Try these tips:

- Read together every day – make it a time for just the two of you to cuddle.
- Give everything a name – increase your child's vocabulary by talking about interesting words and objects.
- Read with fun in your voice – ham it up and put expression into your voice.

Week of the Young Child
April 11-17, 2010



Bring Communities Together for Children

Our schools are participating in the week of the young child (WOYC) during the week of April 11 – 17, 2010.

Each school is developing events which will honor young children and thank teachers and all those who make a difference in young children's lives.

DO YOUR PART & THANK A TEACHER!



EVENT ALERTS

March highlights the role of artists as our community helper. Encourage your children to become more aware of visual representation in our world by sharing pictures, paintings, sculpture, etc.

We focus on Florists as our community helper for the month of **April**. As we turn to spring time curriculum themes we are learning to appreciate how a florist provides our families and friends with colorful flowers and plants that add to the beauty of our community.

May recognizes athletes and their contribution to our community through sports events, etc.

HEALTH FOCUS

March is designated as **National Nutrition Month** sponsored annually by the American Dietetic Association. The campaign is designed to focus attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.

Celebrate National Garden Month in **April**. Visit www.familycrafts.com for fun projects to do at home. Doing crafts together promotes healthy fun!

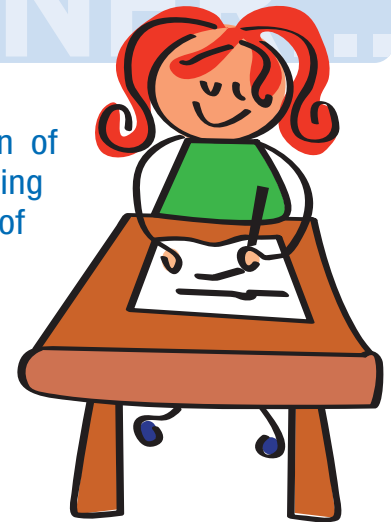
May is Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Stretch and play together!

Curriculum KORNER

Your child is learning every day at Children of America. Teachers are observing and recording your child's growth and building a portfolio of work of our preschool age children.

During your next preschool conference ask to see your child's portfolio for a year of writing samples, scissor cutting and drawings showing marked improvement in these skills.

Our preschool age groups are busy learning through our Journeys into Early Music, Tray Tasking and our Spanish program all of which prepare your child for Kindergarten.



→ **During the month of March your children are learning about...**

*Windy Weather Transportation
Outer Space The Desert*

→ **April's curriculum themes are...**

*Farm Life Flowers in Bloom Nature Week
Planting Beautiful Bugs*

→ **May finds us learning about...**

*Mothers are Special Circus
Sea Life A Year of Learning*



SUMMER CAMP
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Don't Wait...

ENROLL NOW!
WHERE WONDERFUL ADVENTURES AWAIT!