



Classroom Hot Topics Rainbow Room April 2018



April is full of so many learning opportunities within a variety of topics. We will be blown out of this world with lessons about the solar system! We will read and study several nursery rhymes and compare and contrast the different literary and mathematic patterns present. Week of the Young Child will include different daily themes and activities. We highly encourage parental/family involvement and will have ample opportunity for participation. We will celebrate the much-anticipated St. George's Day where everyone gets "knighted" just before the slaying of the dragon. We will learn about different types of homes/dwellings around the world for both humans and animals.

We will also continue our letter study with letters that incorporate diagonal lines, like letters M, N, W and X. We will also play different types of phonological games, alphabet games and beginning letter games. We will introduce the concept of syllables and learn how to identify and count syllables. We will participate in shared writing activities by recreating familiar nursery rhymes, while authoring original stories. We will experiment with math through measuring and rote counting to twenty. We will also introduce the concept of seriation and incorporate both hands-on and literacy activities highlighting this concept. To welcome Spring, we will learn songs about gardening, bunnies, and chicks.

Parent Education

Social and emotional development is on the forefront of all preschool teachers' minds as we create and plan our lessons. Parents can help supplement this development at home easily. Simple activities like playing board games to help with taking turns and learning how to win or lose with sportsmanship, assigning chores to promote responsibility at home, and even having question and answer dialogue at the dinner table are all ways to foster social and emotional development.

Promoting Young Children's Social and Emotional Health:

<https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/building-social-emotional-skills-at-home>

Chapel Curriculum

Stories: Easter lesson, Jesus: Through the Eyes of Thomas, Jesus: Through the Eyes of His Students, Jesus: Through the Eyes of the His Flock, Jesus: Through the Eyes of a Lost Son

Songs: "Kum Ba Yah, Peace Like a River," "Happy All the Time," "Oh How I Love Jesus," "Hallelu, Hallelu," "Down in My Heart," and "Rejoice in the Lord Always"

Monthly Events

Apr 3rd & 4th: Spring School Photos; Details about individual, class and sibling photo days TBA

Apr 4th: PTF meeting at 8-9 am; Free Early Bird care for parents who attend the meeting

Apr 14-20th: Week of the Young Child! Details about specific activities and reminders TBA

Apr 20th: St. George's Day with the Slaying of the Dragon @ 9am; Details and parent volunteer info TBA

Apr 23rd: Knight for St. George's; Our BIGGEST fundraiser for St. G's; Details TBA

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