



Note from the Teacher

We have a busy yet fun week planned even though it is short. I hope you have the opportunity to witness the eclipse safely. I have my glasses ready and plan to watch it with my family. I am hoping the traffic is not too bad in the city, but I have a feeling it will be a little crazy.

The weather has been so beautiful and I am hoping we are able to go outside some this week, but I heard there might be some rain coming.

The students have been working so hard to learn everything I have tried to teach them. We have such a short time left and so I find myself feeling a little panic in realizing how short the time is that is left. I then remind myself they have years to be in school so calm down.

Rome wasn't built in a day! I just love these children so much and I want what is best for them.

We have started a special project we are doing for Mother's Day, and I hope they can keep quiet about it. It is not anything super spectacular, but it is sentimental in nature. We will be working on it right up until the day.

Speaking of events, the closing program for preschool is such a special night. The children will be singing and saying verses. The Kindergarten will also be singing and acting out a small play. The theme this year is Farm Animals. It is so adorable! We will begin working on learning the songs and verses we will present that evening. Along with this is a small slide presentation of pictures of the children. It is everything in me to keep from crying as they grow so fast and they look like babies at the beginning, and so grown-up at the end.

Science

We will have three lessons this week about some Garden Friends. The friends include: a ladybug, caterpillars, butterflies, and a bee. We have been talking about how important these friends can be, especially the bee. We might even eat some honey on Thursday if there is time.

News from the Jungle

Week of April 8-12 2024

Handwriting

Here is this week's schedule for writing our letters and numbers:

Tuesday: Review and writing lowercase w.

Wednesday: Tracing letters B, U, J, D, and P with a finger and then using some tracing paper to trace them.

Thursday: Following a map by drawing a line from an arrow at the top of the page to a stop sign at the bottom.

Friday: Review and writing number four. I sometimes wish I was four again except have the knowledge that I have today!

Pre-Reading/Language Arts

This week's attention will be on the letter and sound associated for letter X. It makes a very strange sound blending the letters k and s. We review letters W-S beginning Thursday and end on Friday with a review of letter y. The rest of the year until the end is simply a review. The students have been working diligently on recognizing their letters and each day we practice their sound. They are doing an excellent job. I appreciate their close attention during teaching times as I know it becomes harder this time of year.

Important Dates

April 8 No school due to the Eclipse.

April 12 Early Dismissal 2:15 After care provided for a fee.

May 3 Field Day

May 10 Kindergarten Graduation/ I RC Program 7 p m

Math

How appropriate we will be looking at numbers and dot patterns on Tuesday, after looking at what looks like a "dot" of the eclipse the day before. We have some uncooked pasta or chow mein noodles on Wednesday, to help us learn about less than and greater than. The students will have to find out what all is involved with that. On Thursday, we have a few ropes to assist us in making some familiar shapes. Camping and all gear associated with it will be in the room to show us categories for items and how to classify them. We will have a pretend camping trip.

Bible

We focus this week on respect of God's house and those in authority over us. We begin on Tuesday, with a review of the story Showing Respect in Church. On Wednesday, is the Bible story Jesus in the Temple from Luke 2:40-52. On Thursday and Friday is the Bible story Miriam and Aaron Complain from Numbers 12. I hope we learn some lessons from these stories about submitting and not complaining about those in authority over us. It pleases God when we fully submit ourselves to them. We return to the verse, "Honor thy father and mother" from Exodus 20:12a.

Social Studies

No lessons this week.



