



K4 News

April 2018



Welcome Spring! April is here, and the fourth quarter is upon us. We will have lots of new activities in our centers and as part of our daily routine. Our class teddy bear and journal will begin visiting homes this month! The directions will be included in the journal. Please read the K4 curriculum highlights and homework for April. KidMail will update you on important school information, special days, and events. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be contacted by e-mail or phone. kunstmann@mgcparish.org or 414-442-7600 ext. 118

Language Development, Communication and Early Literacy

- April 9-13 Ee
- April 16-20 Ww
- April 23-27 Gg
- April 30-May 4 Uu

In literature our fiction and non-fiction books will focus on spring, weather, and rainbows. We will continue to differentiate between a text that is real (factual or a story that could really happen) and one that is not real (pretend or make-believe.) While reading stories we will continue to make predictions and recall the characters, the main events, and key details of the text. We will also continue to work in our journals, drawing pictures, and dictating our thoughts and ideas related to our pictures. The children will be encouraged to print their own labels on their

drawings. The children have been assisting me in writing sentences each day. Some of the children are beginning to stretch and blend words. They are also beginning to recognize and read sight words. They are amazing me everyday!

Cognitive Development Mathematical Thinking

The calendar and patterns will continue to be part of the morning math routine. The “Star of the Day” will be measured and a chart will be made. Number recognition 11-20 and printing numbers 0-10 will also be a focus. Many children are having difficulty with 11, 12, 13, and 15. They are the hard ones because they are less concrete. Centers will include sorting objects and shapes into categories, counting out objects, and making shapes

with blocks and in play dough. At the end of the month the class will begin to graph the weather. We will read our graph using the vocabulary: most, least, greater than, fewer than, and same and equal. We will also begin to verbalize how many more or less are needed to be equal to another quantity while comparing numbers.

Scientific Thinking

Our math, science, and social studies connection will be graphing the weather. We will differentiate between sunny, cloudy, rainy, and snowy. We will discover that wind is moving air and has direction and strength. We will also learn about rainbows; how they are formed and the color order of the rainbow. Science centers will include experimenting with water and objects that sink and float.

Faith Development

We will celebrate Easter, Jesus rising from the dead as the celebration of new life after we return from break. We will ring bells and sing Alleluia as we praise God for his love. We will also listen to the Bible story of Noah's Ark and learn that the rainbow was God's promise to us.

Social/Emotional Development & Diversity in Learning

We will focus on being friendly to each other, using a kind tone of voice, and solving our problems

by talking through them with peers.

Creativity/Dramatic Play

This month the children will have opportunities to decorate eggs, create suns, kites, and paint with rainbow colors. The dramatic play area will be turned into a grocery store.

April Homework

- Practice printing, naming, and reproducing the sound of the letter of the week.
- Read books and ask questions about the characters, setting, and plot
- Count out objects 1-10. (Ask your child for a number of objects and have them count that number of objects and give them to you.)
- Print numbers 1-10.
- Identify numbers 1-20.
- Play games with letters, sounds, rhymes, numbers, counting, and shapes.
- Look for signs of spring.
- Play outside with your child.

Happy Easter! Alleluia!



Important Dates

- **April 2-8:** Easter Break
- **April 10:** Jump Rope for Heart kick-off
- **April 13:** Free dress-no tardies 3rd quarter
- **April 18:** Family STREAM Night 6:00 pm
- **April 24:** Mardi Gras
- **April 26:** Family Lunch

In April we will have a presentation from a MGC parent who is a Milwaukee Police Officer. The date is to be determined.

