

Classroom News

Four Year Old Class March 2017

Mrs. Meister

Our thematic unit this month is "insects." Concepts focused upon will be:

- A) There are many types of insects including bees, ants, butterflies, crickets, etc.
- B) Insects move in various ways such as flying, hopping and walking.
- C) Communication of insects.
- D) Metamorphosis of caterpillars.
- E) Bees and ants live in communities, each with a special job.
- F) Insects can be helpful and harmful.

Math Center: We will collect data to sort and classify insects and chart and graph the data. We also will order insects by measurement standards and use insects to create patterns.

Literacy Center: We will utilize our "letter beanbags" and match beginning phonetic sounds of each insect.



Puzzle Center: Cooperation will be our goal to construct large floor puzzles of the ocean, forest and farm animals.

Writing Center: Dry erase boards will be used to practice our fine motor skill of writing letters appearing in the insect's names.

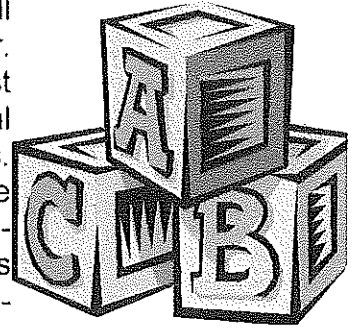
Computer Center: Software on our two classroom computers will be used for both literacy and math skills.



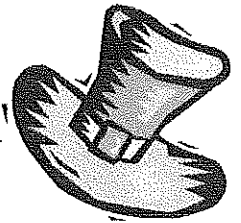
Art Center: Various tactile materials such as modeling clay, paint, shaving cream, clay, styrofoam, doobers and stencils will be used in the center to create a variety of living insects.

Religion: God has blessed us with his creation of all living things. During prayers we will thank God for each living thing.

Springtime is arriving and is filled with many activities this month. We will focus on the letters Qq-Mr. Questions, Ll- Ms. Longest Laugh, Uu- Ms. Unusual Umbrella and Vv- Ms. Vegetable Vest while we continue to reinforce previously learned letters. It's exciting to watch the progress and growth that the children have experienced this school year.

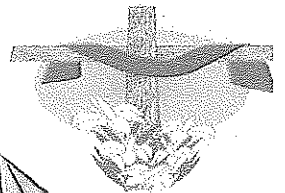


March 17th, our class will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a variety of activities. We will try to catch the leprechaun and get his pot of gold. Wish us the Luck of the Irish!



The classroom computer is a favorite. We have learned the importance of "taking turns" to share our computer. Creative art skills, discrimination skills and sequencing skills are just a few of the featured lessons.

During Lent our class will participate in a short prayer service weekly with the entire UPSK student body.



Our Easter Parade will be on Wednesday, April 12th. Information will be sent home. After the parade we will celebrate in class with our own Bunny Brunch. A sign-up sheet will be posted for anyone wishing to contribute.

