

# First Plymouth Learning Center

April 2018 Issue



## Ladybugs:

Spring is here and we have another busy month planned for the ladybugs. Our April theme is spring time and water. Our color of the month is purple and our shape of the month is an oval. We will focus on the changing weather and talk about how things grow. We will develop our fine motor skills as we dig and play in our garden sensory bin. One week will be dedicated to bugs and creepy, crawly creatures. We will also continue to work on our shapes, colors and counting with fun spring themed art and games. I can't believe how much the children have changed this school year. It has been so amazing to see the kids really grow. I'm excited for another fun month!

- Ms. Miranda & Ms. Senait

## Bunnies:

Welcome to April! The Bunnies focus this month is Spring/Summer and Water. We will be exploring the signs of spring: budding trees, sprouting flowers, baby birds, ducklings and little bunnies. We will also investigate the changing weather, along with the wind, rain, puddles and rainbows. We can't forget the bugs too! This month our color is purple and the shape is oval. We will be finishing the letters of the alphabet: W, X, Y, and Z by learning sounds and words to connect them as we build our vocabulary. We are always working on our counting skills. This month we will be counting to 10. It should be a great sensory fun when the Bunnies "dig in dirt," pour and scoop with water, blending colors and "pick up trash" as we learn the importance of Earth Day. This will be another busy month for the Bunnies, filled with so many learning opportunities. We can't wait to see how much they take away!

- Ms. Gerri & Ms. Senait

## Bumblebees:

We are working hard on our independent skills and starting this month we will be making our beds all on our own! We will continue our practice with putting on our coats, getting our snack items ready. April has arrived and we will be learning about Spring and Summer, the weather as well as what we can do with water and how water helps us. We will also be talking about baby animals. Our color of the month is purple and our shape, the oval. We will be reviewing letters A-Z with a focus on letters E,F,S, and U and reviewing numbers 0-40 with adding in numbers 41-50. Have a wonderful April!

- Ms. Erika and Ms. Senait

## From the Director...

I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break! It's time to jump into Spring! The weather is warming up and the children are getting to go outside again. Please be sure to put sunscreen on before school as it is a state requirement, I have some in my office if you need it.

Spots for next year are now limited so if you have friends looking for a center or if you haven't registered yet, it's that time! We appreciate your continued support of our center and the kind words that have been put out into the community about us!

It's hard to believe this is the last full month of our school year! Looking forward to yet another great month!

- Kiesha

## Original Works is here!

You may have noticed some artwork sent home with your child along with some paperwork in a plastic bag. Ask your child's teacher for detailed instructions!

Please have the artwork, price sheet and payment made out to **First Plymouth Learning Center** enclosed in the plastic bag and returned to your child's teacher by **Friday April 6**. For any additional questions, please see Nicole Voake or Kiesha.

## Koalas:

Welcome back, I hope you all enjoyed the break! Thank you all for the seeds, gardening with the koalas has been a blast! In April our theme is Dinosaurs and coming spring, our shape and color are oval and green, our focus letters and number are Z, N, and 9. The Koalas have been making and manipulating numbers 1-10 with unit blocks and ten frames, working with patterns, opposites, greater than/less than, measuring things and sorting them by size, and reading and creating stories. We will continue to work on and review these skills. Happy Spring Koalas!

Song: "Days of the Week"

- Ms. Angela and Ms. Shelley

## Brown Bears:

Welcome back. I hope you all had a restful and fun spring break. As we head into the rest of the school year we will be doing a lot of review, making sure the skills and knowledge we have gained are solid, ensuring a strong foundation for future learning. Our themes for April will be Spring, insects and spiders, and water animals. Thank you to all who took the time to count out and brought in 100 items. We had an exciting day working with the Penguins and getting to know our teacher for next year. Please remember to take sheets and blankets home to wash and return them after break. Thank you for the continued support and keep reinforcing preschool skills at home.

- Ms. Kathy and Ms. Shelley

## Penguins:

After creating and hanging their own "solar system" in the classroom, complete with all 8 planets (plus the dwarf planet, Pluto, made out of paper Mache) rockets, shooting stars and aliens, the Penguins moved on to creating "all things spring"! They have been working hard to make flowers, caterpillars, ladybugs, butterflies and bees. Some of these will be used to decorate the bulletin board out in the main hall and some will be decorations for Graduation. Speaking of Graduation, which is coming oh so fast, the Penguins have begun practicing for the "show" that they will perform for their parents. We celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> day of School with the Brown Bears by sharing and displaying our collections of 100 things, making a special snack that showed what 100 looks like and taking a "100 Step Walk" to see how far we could get! Every day in the Penguin classroom, each child writes a journal entry in his/her own journal as one of the activities during Readers/Writers Workshop. At the beginning of the school year, this was an overwhelming task for most of the Penguins. Now, you should come in and see how all of the Penguins are writing the date, writing their letters clearly on the lines, using finger spacing and sounding out words by themselves, while some are doing all of this completely independently. It has been our great privilege over the course of this school year to witness the awe-inspiring growth and development of this amazing group of children! In April, we will delve into reading Piggie and Gerald books by Mo Willems, as we continue to prepare for the big day, when we graduate in May!

- Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Shelley



## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

*April 6-Night of Discovery, 4-5:30*

*May 18-Last Day of School for Students*

*May 22- Last Day of School for Teachers*

## Summer Pals is almost here!

**Session 1: June 5- June 15**

**Session 2: July 10- July 20**

**Session 3: July 31- August 10**

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