

The Learning Niche

An Early Childhood Education Program for Young Children

Monthly Newsletter

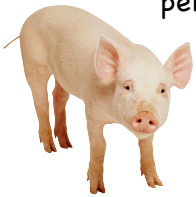


Dear Parents/Guardians,

April's theme is **Fun on the Farm**. We will be learning about the farm and the different animals that live on a farm. We will also learn about the different foods that grow on a farm, as well as the important jobs, machinery, and people that help operate a farm, plus so much more!

Preschooler's will work on their letters, sounds, and writing. This month we will work on the letters and sounds for Mm, Aa, Ss, Pp, Tt, Ll, Nn, and Cc. We will also work on our numbers, shapes and colors.

Science and Social Studies will involve lots of hands-on activities that pertain to life on a farm. We'll be planting corn, and if all works out, hopefully have baby pigs visit our classroom...let's keep our fingers crossed.



Art and Music will be engaging and memorable. We will explore with materials that involve mud, rocks, and recycled items. Old MacDonald will lead us into some fun-filled singing and dancing, along with some other farm theme sing-alongs. And before the month comes to an end, I hope to squeeze in a little Square Dancing!

Homework:

Preschooler's will take home a 'Story in a Bag.' Please set some time aside to listen to your little one retell a story, or make a story up with the items in the bag. After hearing your child tell his/her story, ask meaningful and open-ended questions. For example, "What was your favorite part of the story and why?", "What do you think might happen if...?", "How is this story the same/different than the last story?" Asking open-ended questions helps children expand and develop their comprehension, vocabulary and language skills.

Share Day: I will keep you posted on what the 'Share Day' topics will be from week-to-week.

Don't forget to mark your calendar: Farm theme dress up day will be on Tuesday, April 30th...Yeehaw!

Thank you,

Mrs. Habecker



A sneak peak at some of the books we'll be reading this month.

Big Red Barn

By, Margaret Wise Brown

Rooster's Off to See the World

By, Eric Carle

If You Give a Pig a Pancake

By, Laura Numeroff

There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly

By, Pam Adams

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

By, Eric Carle



*Parents,
Thank you for all
your support!*