



Can you believe that it is now April? Where did this year go? I was looking back at pictures I took of your kiddos at the beginning of the year. They have grown up so much! We have a lot going on this month! Read On!

The first week in April, well, that is **Spring Break! No School!** I hope you have a wonderful vacation or staycation!

We will return to school on **Monday, April 8th. This will be our tree planting makeup day!** We are planting a tree down the street at the church offices at 10:30ish. Second class, please try to be on time that day. We will leave our bags and head down as soon as we can.

Tuesday, April 9th will be our 100th Day Ice Cream Party! Don't expect your kids to eat a good lunch on this day! They will be FULL of ice cream! This is a party just for the kiddos. Thanks for everyone that volunteered to send things in. You can send in stuff Monday or Tuesday. I will send out a reminder the day before.

Also crammed into our first week back we will be talking about butterflies (and the letter /Qq/ because it needs to be covered and I found a way to combine them!). Our class will be getting caterpillars and we will be able to watch the process from cocoons to beautiful butterflies! We will let you know when we will have our butterfly release so you can join us. This is always a very exciting time!

The 3rd week of April will be a short and crazy week. We will be talking more in depth about Easter and how Jesus loved us so much that he died for us. We will learn how to write the letter /Ee/. We will also finish up some surprises for our grandparents. We have class on Monday and Tuesday. There is **no Pre-K on Wednesday, April 17th** due to other classes having their Grandparents' Day. **Thursday, April 18th is Pre-K's Grandparents' Day!** The first class has its party from 9-10am. The second class will have its party from 10:30-11:30am. There will be an egg hunt and also an activity that your child will complete with their grandparent(s). We also hope to sing and dance for everyone! I will be sending home a letter and an email regarding the party. I will ask that you send in 10 empty eggs with your child's initials on them and a bag of wrapped candy. The teachers will stuff the eggs so that everyone gets a variety.

The 4th week of April will focus on the letter /Rr/. We will talk about reptiles and rhyming. If anyone has a connection to a reptile that might like to visit our classroom, please let me know. I know the kids would love this! We had two families in past years that brought in lizards. I will be hitting them up to see if they will come back and visit with their scaly friends. We will be making super cute lizards and do a lot of rhyming activities.

The last week of April/first part of May will be our Superhero Week! Every day that week your child can dress up as a favorite superhero, princess or even our real heroes like firemen or police officers! We will visit the Ft. Thomas Police Station sometime this week (either Monday or Thursday). I am waiting to get a confirmation on the date and will let you know when I know which day. We won't be asking parents to attend this fieldtrip, but I will take lots of pictures to share with you all.

I will be conducting end of the year assessments throughout April. Please keep working on letter and number writing and recognition at home. Having a good handle on this will be so helpful for kindergarten in the fall! We also will be assessing our "Popcorn Words" (sight words). Again, I will stress that these are words they will see again in kindergarten. Please don't worry if they don't know many but they might actually surprise you with what they do know!

Our last day in the classroom will be **Tuesday, May 7th**. On this day or possibly the 6th, depending on how the weather looks, we will be walking to a mail box to deliver a letter that we wrote to one of our Bluebird friends. Then we will go the convenient mart and have ice cream! We will use some of the leftover sprinkles from our 100th day celebration to make the ice cream even more fun!

Our Pre-K Picnic (bring your own packed lunch/snack or just come play awhile) will be on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH** at Tower Park from 1:30-2:30pm. An adult must stay at the park with your child. This will be one last time for the kiddos to hang out (and for Ms. Lori to take a few more pictures and for all the teachers get a bunch of hugs!)

Pre-K graduation (what??? where did the time go?) is **THURSDAY, MAY 9th** from 10:00-11:00am. More info to come but mark your calendars! All are invited and you don't want to miss this! There will be a fabulous slide show set to music with the many, many pictures I took of your children this year, a few songs and cookies and punch in Big Room to celebrate your kiddos flying the nest and heading to kindergarten!

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

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