



Preschool Newsletter

April 2026



Hello and happy spring! We have had a great month—learning about the weather and more Alphie and the alphabet! We should be finishing with our letters in the next couple of weeks and will then continue to do review activities. We have begun testing the students to find out which letters they know and many are doing great! Please be aware that we test the students with the letters out of order. Singing the alphabet is not the same as knowing one's ABC's. Singing alphabet songs is a great way for a child to learn the vocabulary but it is only the beginning. Your child should be able to point to and name the majority of the letters before entering kindergarten. A small pack of store bought or homemade flashcards is a great investment. Just going through a few of them a day before bed or after supper is about all it takes with most children. I also encourage you to read to your child as much as possible. Studies have shown this to be an activity with great impact on a child's language and literacy skills.

There will be **no school** on Friday, April 3 and Monday, April 6 in celebration of Easter.

We do still have available spots in our Tuesday/ Thursday preschool classes for next year if you are in need of one! And our ORCS kindergarten has room as well!

We will be having Parent/Teacher conferences on April 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. There will be **no preschool** on those days as we will be meeting with parents. There **WILL BE SCHOOL Friday**, April 24th. You will each receive an email the beginning of April with a link to sign up for a conference spot online. Please note that the conference times will fall during your child's regular class times. Each conference will last no more than fifteen minutes and you will receive a report card and formal evaluation for your child. **If you would like** a conference slot please sign up at your earliest convenience; if you choose not to sign up you will still receive a report card for your child. As always, we will give you our professional opinion as to whether or not your child is ready for kindergarten. The decision is ultimately yours but please know that we look at the whole child, not just the academic side. Stamina and maturity are often just as important, if not more so, as students move through the various grades. We look forward to meeting with you!

Looking ahead to May, our spring programs/graduations will be held Wednesday, May 13th and Thursday, May 14th. These will also be the last days of preschool. (Wow the time goes fast!)

Thank you!
Mrs. B (Bratvold)

