

April Newsletter: Preschool
Mrs. Madaus and Miss Maura

Another month is upon us! Happy April to you all, and wishes for a nice Spring Season!

During the month of April we will be continuing our work with the “Let’s Move!” theme. During the first week of the month we will meet the Alphafriend Hattie Horse who will teach us about letter Hh; the sound it makes and learn vocabulary that starts with the letter. This week will also be about the different ways that animals move, compare and contrast animal bodies, and ways we can describe the actions. The letter Hh will also be about exploring feelings of happiness and how it’s important to be able to understand our feelings. Within the “Let’s Move!” theme, we will talk about how our heart and other muscles work to help our body move and how exercise can greatly impact our health.

During the 2nd week of April we will finish our “Let’s Move!” theme with the Alphafriend Iggy Iguana. This week will take a closer look at a variety of vehicles and the different ways that they move. We will listen to songs and fingerplays that focus on transportation and share our opinions about travel. Letter Ii will also be used to get the students thinking deeply about what makes objects important, what is their function. Both of these themes will include story read-alouds and building on listening and speaking skills.

In the final week of April we will begin a new theme called, “Growing and Changing.” This theme will start with letter Gg and begin with learning about how seeds change and become plants, fruits, vegetables, trees, etc. We will use lima beans to try to see up close how this process begins. It is great for the students to notice the actual changes that Spring brings and are going on around them at this time. During this week we will read and talk about the English fairy tale “Jack and the Beanstalk.” Our Alphafriend this week will be Gertie Goose, and this story reinforces the 2 sounds that the letter Gg makes at the beginning of words like giant, growing, and gold for the students.

March 29th through April 1st was the first week when Miss Maura and I worked with some students in person. We are looking forward to continuing our work together in this way all through the month of April: Hybrid Cohorts A (Monday/Tuesday) & B (Wednesday/Thursday) from 9:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., and then online in Google Meetings from 12:30pm to 3:00pm for those students who were not in-person on that day. May 3rd is scheduled to be the day when students will have the opportunity to learn in-person five days a week. I have not yet been instructed on how this will work for our preschool students, but I will let you know more information when I receive it. Please feel free to email, text, or call me with any questions. You can also ask to speak with me before or after our Google Meeting if that is more convenient.
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Thank you for all that you do! We couldn’t do it without you.

Dates to remember: April 19-23 No School: Spring Break