



March 2019 Kinderchatter



"God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good."

Genesis 1:21

This month we will be learning all about the amazing things God created "**Under the Sea**"! We will explore the different parts of the sea- the vegetation, the sea creatures, and how we are called to take care of it. We also will have a new addition to our classroom ... a pet fish! Throughout this month we will learn the importance of caring for this fish and the responsibilities that are involved. It will be fun!



Last Month

During February we explored our solar system as part of God's amazing universe! We learned the order of the planets, and also what makes each one unique. We were able to see how God created the earth as a perfect home for His people. Using various art techniques and mediums, we created all of the planets for a booklet that the children were so excited to bring home and share with you. Our field trip to the Space Port was a highlight. It was an excellent opportunity to learn about what it is like to live at the International Space Station! We also participated in a Star Lab where we learned about constellations in the night sky and we built and launched rockets!



This Month

We will continue our **Literacy Program**, learning the letters **W**, **K**, and **Y** and the digraph "**sh**". **Rhyming words**, word families, alliteration, and syllabication are other areas we will focus on this month. Please continue to regularly review the letters, letter sounds, and sight words that have been sent home. Students are doing great with the home reading program and many of them excitedly tell me about the books they read at home. I meet regularly with varying groups of students to review the books they have taken out and the appropriateness of the level they are taking home. We will also begin to occasionally work in guided reading groups during our centre time. The focus for reading in a kindergarten class is on teaching children pre-reading skills. This primarily means that they will learn to recognize the letters of the alphabet and their sounds and begin to listen for these sounds in words. They will learn that pictures give clues to the text, that they can recognize some familiar words around them and that reading can be an enjoyable experience to do with their peers, teachers and parents!

In **Math** this month we will focus on double digit numbers to 20. Also, we are going to learn some very practical strategies for addition and subtraction. We will incorporate some other new math concepts such as estimation, placement (on, in, behind, in front, around, beside, through, under), and identifying and sorting 3D objects. Writing numbers 0-9, **with proper formation**, is another topic we will keep working on.



We will also explore some new and interesting **Science** concepts. We will have the opportunity to play with and explore water. Students will also have exposure to sink and float activities at the water table.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

I look forward to meeting with everyone during our second round of Parent/Teacher Conferences. They will be held on **Wednesday, March 13th & Monday, March 18th** from 4:00-7:00pm. Starting at 8:00am on Wednesday, March 6th, you can call the school office at 403-242-2896 to schedule your appointment time.



Recess Change

Beginning after Spring Break, the kindergarten classes **will begin going out for all recesses** (morning **AND** lunch) with the rest of the school.

This is an important step to prepare our kindergarten kids for grade 1.

Most children love this transition as it is a great opportunity to socialize with older students and siblings, but please let me know if your child is struggling with this transition.



Save the Date!

April 16th is the DIV 1 (Kindergarten - Grade 3)
EASTER CONCERT at Bethany Chapel.
Start time is * 6:30pm *

COME CELEBRATE JESUS' VICTORY!

Important Dates:

March 1st & 15th - **School Days (Fridays) for KB**

March 6th - Call the school office to schedule your conference time

March 11th - PD Day, **NO SCHOOL**

March 15th - Booster Juice (preorder on school website)

March 13th & 18th - Parent/Teacher Conferences , 4-7pm

March 20th - Last day of school for KB before Spring Break

March 25th - April 5th - Spring Break - **NO SCHOOL**



In His Service,

Nicole Bruins

