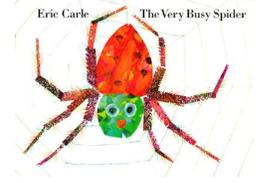




April 2019 Kinderchatter



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1

Welcome back to school! I pray that God blessed you richly over the Spring Break.

This Month

Over the next few weeks we will continue to explore our ocean theme and also transition into our "Spring" theme. Our Spring theme has been inspired by God's word and will have a literacy-heavy focus. We will be using books written by **Eric Carle**; specifically "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", "The Very Busy Spider" & "The Grouchy Lady Bug" as the 'lens' through which we will examine Spring. The students will look at how these books have been written and examine the literary patterns and themes. We will use Eric Carle's unique style to create our own artwork and writing, using the talents God has given us.

In **Math** we will continue to work on our addition and subtraction skills, learning a few new problem solving strategies. We will also look at placement words, estimating, and measuring.

In our **Literacy Program**, we will finish our letter study by learning about the letter 'Z'. We will also learn the digraphs "sh", "th" and "ch". Our focus will continue to shift to using our knowledge of the letter sounds to read and write. We are moving into more independent writing activities, which pushes the students to become more confident expressing their stories and ideas. Rhyming and alliteration are other areas we will continue to focus on this month, and will continue throughout the remainder of the year.



In **Science** we will be learning about some very interesting topics! We will learn about how seeds grow by planting seeds of our own, caring for them, observing what happens, and watching them grow! We will also learn about insect life cycles and we may have the very exciting opportunity to observe a butterfly life cycle in our classroom!

I am so impressed with the improvement that all the students have made so far this year, but I am equally excited to see what the next few months will bring. Generally it is in the final few months of Kindergarten that we see the biggest academic gains! Thank-you for coming to the Parent/Teacher Conferences in March! It is always such a blessing to be able to meet with you and celebrate your child's accomplishments.



Recess Change *REMINDER*

Beginning after Spring Break, the kindergarten classes **will begin going out for all recesses** 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.

Our Class Pet



We have become very fond of our class pet! Through a very democratic voting process, we decided on the name Cora. The children have been taking turns feeding Cora every day and love to greet her each morning and watch her swim around.

We are looking for volunteer families that would like to take Cora home on the weekends. If you are interested in doing this for a weekend, please email me and let me know.

Thank you!

Important Dates

Friday, April 12th: School for KB/Coin Carnival

Tuesday, April 16th: EASTER CONCERT (see below for more information)

Friday, April 19th: Good Friday - NO SCHOOL

Monday, April 22nd: Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL

Friday, April 26th: NO School for KB



Division 1 Easter Concert

The Easter Concert will be held at Bethany Chapel (3333 Richardson Way SW) on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30pm with performances by kindergarten and grades 1-3.

We are asking students to come in "Sunday best" clothes (ie. no blue jeans, no t-shirts with logos, no boots).

The sanctuary doors will open at 6:10pm.

Please keep your child(ren) with you until 6:20pm.

At 6:20pm, students will go to their pre-assigned meeting spot.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please note: The parking lot fills up quickly!

If the parking lot is full, there is additional parking available at the rear of the church.



Coin Carnival 2019 will be on Friday, April 12th. Students are asked to bring \$5-7 in change to support Teaching for Transformation (TfT), the work of the Prairie Centre for Christian Education (PCCE), an umbrella organization of which Calgary Christian School is a part. TfT helps us recognize the fingerprints of God in all of life and learning.

Citizen of the Day

I am asking that on your child's next scheduled 'Citizen of the Day' day, that he/she brings something for sharing that starts with the first letter of his/her name. (for example, "Susan" could bring a sunflower seed or "Tommy" could bring a Tonka truck). This activity will help to reinforce the concept of alliteration, and we will use these ideas to create a class book.

April Citizen of the Day Schedule

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
8	9	10 Hope	11	12 Tiene
15 Anya	16	17 Lucy	18	19 NO SCHOOL
22 NO SCHOOL	23	24 Darlen	25	26 NO SCHOOL
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Early Literacy Tips for Home

Children need to be able to consistently blend separate sounds into the oral word form (no print involved) before they can be expected to "sound out" words successfully while reading. When your child hears the individual sounds of

"f-r-o-g", is he or she able to mentally "squeeze" the sounds together to identify "frog"?

For fun and to develop this important literacy skill, try playing the following game with your child at home or as you travel in your car:

"Guess the Word!"

Your child guesses a "mystery" word from the individual or slightly clustered sounds that you "stretch out". Be sure to use sounds and not letter names. Here are a few examples:

- I went shopping and bought a **h -- a -- t**.
- Please bring me the **pl -- a -- te**.
- I see a **h -- or -- se**. (This phase can be used in a similar way to "I Spy"..)



Enjoy the coming of Spring!

Blessings, Nicole Bruins