

# April 2018

SUN.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>1</b> Spring Rain Begin Footprint Unit Finish H	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1st day back!	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Wear yellow  Yellow snack	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Rain Number 12 Foot prints Start circus	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Egg Day (Each child needs 3 WHITE hard boiled eggs)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Manners Day Spring Tea	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Circus	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Favorite Color Day!	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Parent-Teacher Conferences  (no school for children)	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Insects Number Book Cover Circus	<b>23</b> Silly Circus (field trip comes to us)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Circus (no lunch needed)	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Insects Circus	<b>30</b> Seth's Birthday Celebration	<u>Helpers:</u> The Dugan Family The Fogarty Family	<u>Science:</u> Footprints Insects  <u>Author:</u> Nancy Taf1uri	<u>Letters:</u> A, I, N, C, U, X, I  <u>Numbers:</u> 12 and Number Book cover	<u>Units</u> Rain Circus Spring	

**Colors** – We are finishing up our color review. It has been fun. We will celebrate “favorite color day” on April 17. We would like the children to wear their favorite color or colors on that day, if possible. A list of their favorite colors will be posted on the wall outside the classroom. We will also eat a rainbow snack that day.

**Monthly Helpers** – What a month our helpers had. The Davis family and the Kambanis family did a great job planning St. Patrick’s Day, helping with Manners Day and Egg Day and bringing us lots of yummy snacks! Thank you for making March so special. Your helping hands were very much appreciated. The helpers for April are the Dugan family (Derek) and the Fogarty family (Kerigan).

**Science** – We have finished the unit on the human body. Next, we will do a short unit on footprints. We will learn what the footprints look like for a cat, a dog, deer, rabbit, and our own. Then, it is insect time! We will learn that insects have six legs, three body parts, usually two pairs of wings, and a four-stage life cycle. To help the children better understand how the different insects go through their life cycles, we will watch the movie “See How They Grow-Insects,” and watch real caterpillars change into butterflies. The insects we will learn about are crickets, bees, ladybugs, butterflies, and ants.

**Phone Numbers** – We will be learning our phone numbers (home or cell).

**Family Manners Day** – We always wish you could be flies on the wall so you could see and hear all that goes on during our Manners Days. You would be surprised and very proud of your children. Because we would like you to experience a Manners Day with your child, we would like to invite parents, grandparents, and babysitters to attend our last Manners Day on Thursday, May 3 at 11:30 a.m. (**Sorry, no younger siblings.**) We will do most of the preparation at school that day; so Christy and Allison will need a few extra hands. If anyone can help with this event, please let us know. We will need an R.S.V.P. from each family letting us know how many adults will be attending. Each family attending needs to send in a place setting for each person attending (including your child.) A place setting consists of a **dinner plate, a cloth napkin, a glass, and silverware.** The place setting should be wrapped and sent to school in a bag with your name on it. We need to have the place settings first thing that morning (May 3) so they should be dropped off when you bring your child to school. (It is important that the place settings arrive at the **beginning** of the school day because the children will be doing all the set up that morning.) **The R.S.V. P. sheet will be posted April 23 on the outside wall. An R.S.V.P. Example: Deitz Family-2 adults. Mrs.Deitz will need to send in 3 dinner plates, 3 cloth napkins, 3 glasses and 3 sets of silverware in a bag labeled “Eckel”. This is a dress up affair for both children and adults.**

Our Family Manners Day is special because after lunch we have some entertainment! You and your children will provide the entertainment. It can be a simple song, a magic trick, or telling a joke. Several families can work together. This is a very talented and imaginative class, so no-one should have trouble coming up with something to do. If you have any questions about the talent show, let us know.

**Circus-** The 4 year old classes will put on a circus on April 27. Each child will choose what they want to be in the circus, and pick a costume from the ones we have at school. After the circus, we enjoy a circus lunch. It is a fun day.

**Looking Ahead:**

**Family Manners Day - May 3 (11:30 in Fellowship Hall)**

**Whole School Picnic-May 8 (Cabin John Park) Rain date May 15.**

**Brookside Nature Center Fieldtrip - May 11**

**Last Day - May 23 (Program @ 11am in the classroom)**