



# OP TIMES

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## Spring Fever

April showers bring May flowers, green grass and budding trees. As the environment changes around us with the warming weather, animal life changes too. Baby animals appear, pond animals emerge and tadpoles turn into frogs. This month our students will explore the wonders of spring.

### Week One:

Unit theme – Baby animals  
Bible Focus – The Easter Story

### Week two:

Unit Theme – Turtles  
Bible Focus – Sharing the Good News

### Week three:

Unit Theme – Tadpoles and Frogs  
Bible Focus – Paul Follows Jesus

### Week Four:

Unit Theme – Plant life and Gardens  
Bible Focus – Doing what is right

Help your little one explore these themes with field trips and books.



## ONIONPATCH REMINDERS

- A friendly reminder that Fees are due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. If fees are not received by end of the day of the 5<sup>th</sup> a \$100 dollar late fee will be added to your fees. HSBC # 010 836617 001.
- **Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**- Extra Curricular Form Due
- **Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**- Hot lunch order forms due
- **Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**- RSVP/Registration forms for Walk-a-thon
- **Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**- Pledge sheets due
- **Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**- Picture day forms due

## New Students

We welcome back to the Onionpatch Family:

Zahid Jn Pierre  
Cameron Camera

## Upcoming Birthdays

11 April	Neveah Tankard
19 April	Jeon Wolfe
20 April	Ethan Brown-Smith
29 April	Ms Nakia and Ms Lyndell

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**- Pajama Day with the cost of \$10 that includes a pancake and sausage breakfast.

**Saturday, April, 12<sup>th</sup>** - Walk-a-Thon at the Arboretum in Devonshire. Warm-ups start at 10am.

**Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**- Library for Lower Block  
**Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**- Library for Upper Block

**Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>**- Open Airways Demin Day (\$2)

**Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**- Easter Egg Hunt and Kite Flying at 2:30pm.

**Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**- **Good Friday: School Closed**

**Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**- Annual Exhibition Visit for the Upper Block from 9:00am-12:30pm

**Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**- Picture Day.

**Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**- Aquarium Visit

## Friday Hot Lunches



April 4 – BBQ Chicken Drumsticks with Broccoli and Carrots

April 11 – Hamburger and Cheese Tacos

April 17 – Fish cakes and Hot Cross buns

April 25 – Cheese Pizza and Apple Sticks

## Responding to Child Development and Milestone Delays

As a parent, you rejoice with all child development milestones and accomplishments he or she achieves. The many hours you spend together train you to become the ultimate expert on what your child can and can't do. We especially watch closely for those auspicious first milestones - rolling over, sitting up, crawling, walking, first tooth, first word and more. We celebrate when they happen and mark the occasion with photos, phone calls and dates in baby books.

But what happens when these developmental milestones are delayed or don't happen when you are expecting them to? Some of us may fret silently and make quiet comparisons to other young children. Some of us panic quickly and start asking other parents about their children and when certain events occurred. We may turn to the internet and hope to find reassurance from blogs, parenting forums or social communities. Or, we may just wait it out. No matter what your approach, rest assured that almost all parents have questions about whether or not their kids are hitting all the normal developmental milestones in their journey of raising a child.

### Understanding Developmental Stages & Milestones

We can say with some certainty that child development follows typical timelines and certain developmental stages will happen in a usual progression; however, there is a lot of variation from child to child within these timeframes.

There are many excellent sources available to help you learn when typical developmental milestones will occur.

### Learn the Signs of Developmental Delays & Act Early

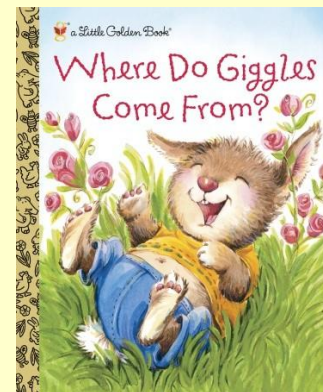
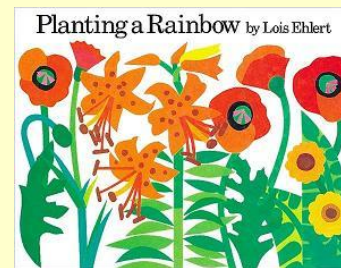
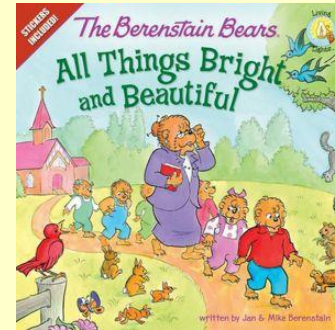
Statistics from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) report that 17% of all children have a behavioral or developmental or behavioral disability. As surprising as that number might be, the CDC finds that through early recognition of a problem, strategies and services can begin and these help each child reach their full potential.

### Seek Professional Advice

Typically that next step is best addressed by first speaking with your child's doctor. Doctors have seen many, many young children and can guide you in further exploring your concern regarding child development stages. If your child is under three years of age, your local early intervention services can provide support and a thorough developmental screening in which a closer look is taken in a play situation.

Remember, you are the expert on your child and should always trust your instincts. If you have a concern, dig down and try to understand as much as you can about it, as well as what your child needs next. Become your child's best advocate.

Here are some Spring book suggestions:



### Habit 6 – Synergize

“The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.”

Covey Connection:

- Value other people's strength and learn from them
- Get along well with others.
- Two heads are better than one!