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Spring Fever

April showers bring May flowers, green grass, budding trees and a wonderful opportunity to explore and learn about God's world in the springtime.

In Week One, student will focus on baby animals from cute and floppy baby chicks and bunnies to kittens and puppies.

In Week Two, students will explore the animals that live outdoors and check out the lives of turtles.

In Week Three, students will be ready to see how tadpoles turn into frogs.

In Week Four, students will have a hands-on look at how plants grow and plant life.

In Week Five, students will enjoy dining outdoors through picnics in the school playground or on a field trip to a local park.

As the weather continues to warm and new life springs up everywhere, take a fresh look around you and see if you need to engage in some spring cleaning. Work with your children to sort through old clothes and toys and donate them to your child's school or to the local Salvation Army Thrift store or to the Barn so someone else can be blessed.



New Students

We welcome to the Onionpatch Family:

Baby Onions – Roman Bird
Cameron McHugh

Little Onions – Macario Place
Killian McHugh



Upcoming Birthdays

Jeon Wolffe – 19th April

Ms Lyndell – 29th April

Ms Nakia – 29th April

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, 5th April – Kite Flying and Easter Egg hunt at North Village Field – 10:00 am – 12:30 pm.
- Friday, 13th April – School pictures.
- Friday, 27th April – Sports Day at Bernard's Park from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. A fundraiser HOT LUNCH consisting of chicken nuggets and French fries will be available for \$5.00.

Celebrating Earth Day

Thursday, April 22, is Earth Day; a day intended to inspire appreciation for and awareness of our earth's environment. It is a great opportunity to teach our kids about the value of the earth and to instill respect for our natural world. It is important to make Earth Day meaningful and valuable to children. After all, the future of our earth is in their hands!

Celebrating Earth Day Continued..

Earth Day can be a fun day to educate children about respecting the earth and all of earth's inhabitants, be they two-legged, four-legged, furry, slippery, or feathery. Extend this earth-friendly mindset beyond Earth Day, and make everyday Earth Day in your home. Earth Day can also serve as a catalyst to engage children in nature-oriented fun

Take a nature walk: Bring an insect and plant manual and see how many plants, flowers, and bugs you can identify OR Make nature creations: Collect a variety of outdoor items such as leaves, sticks, flowers, and rocks, and create unique art projects.

In addition to teaching our children about caring for the earth and engaging them in hands-on activities, there are a number of measures parents can take to conserve energy and water and reduce pollution and waste:

- * Turn off lights, TVs, and other electronic equipment when not in use.
- * Recycle cardboard, paper, and plastics.
- * Draw, paint, and write on recycled paper (and use recycled computer paper for your printer).
- * Buy only paints, markers, and glues that are water based.
- * Use fans instead of air conditioners.
- * Bike, walk, or use public transportation when possible instead of driving.
- * Try to buy organic foods free of pesticides and chemical additives.
- * Start a compost pile for your food scraps and lawn clippings.
- * Make a habit of picking up any litter you see.
- * Avoid using aerosol sprays and Styrofoam.
- * Reduce your overall use of plastic packaging and Use your own cloth bags for groceries.

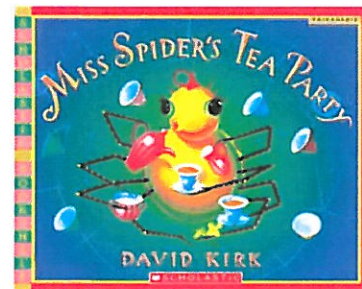
Here are some book suggestions:



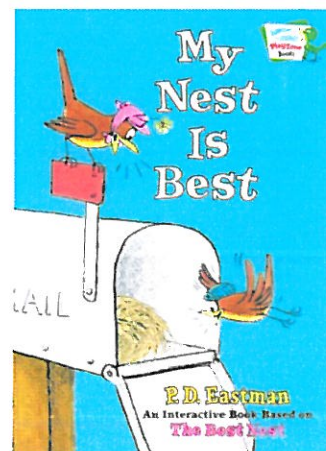
It's Spring by Linda Glaser



Spring is Here by Lois Lenski



Miss Spider's Tea Party by David Kirk



My Nest is Best by P.D. Eastman