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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

Week Five:

Unit Theme – Picnics
Bible Focus – Jesus wants us to do 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 5th of each month. If fees are not received by end of the day of the 5th a \$100 dollar late fee will be added to your fees.

Fees can be paid online, debit or credit or by cash. If you like to pay online our account number is HSBC # 010 836617 001.

New Students

We welcome to the Onionpatch Family:

Nia Faith Smith

Taniah Simmons-Tucker

Upcoming Birthdays

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

Upcoming Events

Friday April, 12th - Denim Day. Please wear denim to school. Onionpatch will be accepting donations on behalf of the Why it Matters campaign in support of the KEMH Redevelopment Project.

April 18th, 19th, 20th - The Annual Agriculture Exhibition. Please pick a day to take in some of the local farm animals, vegetables, flowers, art and food. Your little one will be delighted with the sights.

Friday April, 26th - Photo Day. Order forms will be sent out soon. Uniforms must be worn for the photo!

Friday May, 3rd - Sports Day – Bernard Park Community Field. Students will be leave the school at 2:00pm and transported to the field. Please come and join us. If you' are interested in providing a bake good for our first "Bake Sale" please inform your child's teacher.



Batter Up! Cooking with Children

Children love being involved with cooking and preparing food. That's part of why they are so likely to be in our way when we are in the kitchen. Cooking is also a great way to engage children in learning and to create teachable moments all while having some messy fun.

The cooking activities your child will be able to help with will depend on her age. Keep the following in mind when including young children in cooking activities.

One- to Two-Year Olds

Make sure they are safely restrained in a high chair and give them samples to taste or smear as you keep up a steady stream of commentary. Look for tasks they might be able to accomplish with your help, such as pouring tiny portions of ingredients (e.g. a quarter cup of milk or water) or simply dropping ingredients into a bowl.

Two-Year Olds

Two-year olds are learning to use the large muscles in their arms. Try activities such as:

- Scrubbing vegetables and fruits
- Carrying unbreakable items to the table
- Dipping foods
- Washing and tearing lettuce and salad greens
- Breaking bread into pieces
- Pouring and stirring ingredients

Three-Year Olds

Three-year olds are learning to use their hands. Try activities such as:

- Pouring liquids into batter (which you measure first)
- Mixing batter or other dry and wet ingredients together
- Shaking liquid in a closed container
- Spreading butters or toppings
- Kneading dough
- Washing vegetables and fruit
- Serving foods
- Putting things in the trash after cooking or a meal
- Breaking eggs

Simple Recipes for Helping Hands

So what do you cook? The first cooking experience can be as simple as preparing a powdered drink mix or Jell-O, or a little more adventurous like making bread. Some common choices: Cinnamon toast (butter and cinnamon mixed with sugar), Jell-O, pudding, cookies, brownies, fudge, muffins, pancakes, French toast, hard boiled eggs, milk shakes, or smoothies.

Bon appetite!

Fundraising – The Onionpatch Academy will be conducting a Walk-A-Thon fundraiser on Saturday, 27th April, 2013 at Warwick Long Bay starting at 10:30 am.

Students, family and friends will walk along Warwick Long Bay and end at the Warwick Playground.

Families can enjoy a pizza lunch and then let the kids work off their excess energy on the playground.

The money raised will be used for two main purposes – (1) purchase blocks, balls, puzzles and small pieces of play equipment and (2) educational scholarships for our teachers as we encourage them to continue to ever be the best.

Please help your child with this event. Each child will be given a pledge sheet with 25 statements. Each statement is worth \$2 and each sheet is worth \$50.

Pledge sheets will be given out 2 weeks before the event and we ask that the week before you provide us with numbers so we can ensure there is sufficient food and drink for everyone.

We thank you for your support! Happy walking!



Parking Reminder – We understand that when you drop off or pick up, parking may be challenging at times. The Corporation of Hamilton has graciously provided three (3) drop off and pick up spots with designated times immediately outside the facility on Court Street. We do our best to monitor the parking so that they are available to you when you need them. We appreciate your patronage and ask that you respect the parking areas which belong to the surrounding businesses, specifically the parking lot for St. Andrew's Church/Teetor Tots Nursery. These businesses strictly enforce a clamping policy. The fee for removal of the clamp is \$100.