



February has been a very busy month for us, and the time has just flown by! Thanks to all the supportive parents who have come out and helped with all the activities. Here are a few of the exciting things we have been doing.

Our first project was Valentine's Day. We were counting down the days remaining until Valentine's Day. Students practiced reading and writing with a pattern book called "Once I Was A Heart". Our Class has continued guided reading in small groups during literacy stations and we are well underway with our daily home reading program! Literacy Stations are helping develop students sight words, listening skills and reading. The students are learning that periods are the "STOP" signs for readers. The Classroom Valentine exchange and party was excellent! Thanks for all the Valentines and the help that day!



Each child requires a gift wrapped shoe box where the lid can open up! I hope that someone in the family may need a new pair of spring shoes or maybe a friend can save a box for you!

The students will be using these to insert signs of spring and these boxes will be called God's Love

Brings a Box of Spring! The boxes are not due until March 18th!

Please send your child's box on or before that date! Thanks! (Very pretty boxes are also available at the dollar stores if you don't want to wrap a shoe box!)



Field Trip Dates to Remember:

Valley Zoo Field Trip—April 17th! All students attend in the morning from 8:10a.m. until 1:00p.m. Noon hour transportation is not available for those students who normally take the bus home! Parents need to make alternate arrangements for their transportation home! No regular afternoon class that day!

Safety City Field Trip—May 13th from 10:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. for both my morning and afternoon kindergarten classes! No bussing available that day for those students who generally take the bus to and from school.

Butterflies & Bugs in School Presentation—June 19th during regular program hours.



Fairy Tale Dress-Up Day!

Friday, March 6th, is Fairy Tale or Nursery Rhyme dress-up day! Help your child to create a costume for the day. This does not have to be purchased but can be creatively made from items around the house and in your closets! The children should know the name of the story or nursery rhyme and be able to tell what happens at the beginning, middle and end of the story! This day will reinforce our story re-telling skills while also being fun! Ideas could include: Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk, the giant from the same story, the wolf from The Three Little Pigs or one of the pigs! Many characters can just be regular clothing with a few interesting accessories! Many of the cutest costumes were simple ideas from a nursery rhyme! Have fun!

Fairy Tales



Students in kindergarten are attending on Thursday, March 19th due to the switch in program hours for Spring Break! There will be bus transportation as usual for that Thursday. There will not be kindergarten classes on Friday, March 20th for kindergarten students! Classes resume on Monday, March 30th!

During March, we will be learning a little about St. Patrick and his country of Ireland. Old legends will be told and we will learn about the infamous leprechaun! Of course we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th! Remember to wear GREEN! Parents are welcome to join our parties! Please plan to leave younger siblings at home. I hope no naughty leprechauns play any jokes on us!



Mother's Day

No one has contacted me to say that the Mother's Day Tea will be a problem! Remember that each child will need an adult to attend! Morning class will celebrate with moms on Friday, May 8th from 8:30 – 9:30a.m. while the afternoon will be from 12:00 – 1:00p.m.



Demonstration of Learning !

Our Demonstration of Learning is coming up in March! Each parent is invited to attend with their child so that you can celebrate together the amazing learning that has been taking place so far this year! The planned activities will allow you to witness the growth your child has made! You should allow yourself about an hour to work through the centers so that you don't feel rushed. On Wednesday, March 18th, my classroom will re-open at 3:00p.m. until 7:00p.m. so that parents can take this time to attend the Demonstration of Learning! I will be available for questions any time during the demonstration. If you feel that you require more one on one time with me, please feel free to contact me and set up a private conference time! This is your opportunity to have your child show you all the exciting learning happening within our Classroom!



The students will begin a large project in March about Canada! We will endeavor to focus on how we live here on the traditional land of Treat 6 and home of the Métis Nation of Alberta Zone 4. To help us understand that we live in Edmonton, where the Indigenous peoples ancestors have marked this territory for centuries, we will share what countries we have come from, to make this our home. We will look back and learn about how the Indigenous people survived on the prairies and share some of the legends that have been passed down through the elders. Together, we will share some of the traditions of the Indigenous people and as well as traditions from other countries we have come from. We will look at their similarities and differences. Our final activity will be a Cultural Snack shared together on Thursday, March 31st, during our regular class snack time. If you wish to send a snack for the class to sample, please do so, keeping in mind that students in our class have allergies to nuts and peanuts. Please include a list of the ingredients with the snack so that I can ensure the safety of all students.

