

March 4, 2019-March 8, 2019

## Pre-K and Kindergarten Newsletter

Theme- Pets

Expressive Vocabularyyonder-the far distance zenith-highest point

Review- Letters: Yy and Zz

Author Study-Claudia Harrington

Language Arts: We will explore all about a new chapter book called Hank and the Pet Sitter, by Claudia Harrington. This will help reinforce our pet theme this week along with this fun song

What Is A Pet? (sing to "Up on the Housetop")

What is a pet? How do you know?
Could it be a buffalo?
How 'bout a crocodile that smiles?
They aren't pets, crocs are wild.
Pets are tame, we give them names.
Wild critters roam, not in our home.
People keep pets for company.
Wild critters aren't for you and me!

We will also get to learn what a vet does and then practice being one using our theme table and other fun pet materials.

<u>Math:</u> The skills we will concentrate on this week are addition, subtraction, time, money and place value. We will begin a unit on measurement as well. Students will start learning how to measure in nonstandard units (hands, feet, paper clips etc.)

The PreK Children will be studying mammals and the zoo. We will discuss the characteristics of a mammal, and then identify the ones that can be seen at a zoo. We will discuss the proverb a place for everything, and everything in it's place, in addition to the next reading story, Weeping Willow.

<u>Science</u>: Pets will be our focus this week and the boys and girls will learn what pets are and the important facts people should consider when looking to get a pet (size, cost, allergies, amount of care etc.) We will also discuss the term "tame" and explain that a tame animal would make the best pet. Students will also become familiar with different types of household pets and we will compare and contrast how dogs, cats, birds, etc. all require different care.

<u>Social Studies:</u> We will be discussing animals around the world and we will locate on the globe different countries and what animals come from each region.

<u>Art:</u> We will be working on many fun art projects which focus on St. Patrick's Day and Spring.

## **NOTES TO PARENTS:**

\*Please feel free to bring in a picture of your child's family pet or a pet they would like to share with the class.

\* March 2<sup>th</sup> and Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

\*Happy Birthday Miles 3-3

## **UPCOMING DATES:**

\*Happy ST. Patrick's Day March  $17^{th}$  WEAR GREEN ON FRIDAY THE  $15^{TH}$ 

\*Fire Drills March 18th and 19th

\*Rainbow color day- March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

PLEASE WEAR BLUE OR PURPLE BOTH DAYS \*Show and Tell March 21<sup>st</sup> Parent's Day March 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:45 AM \*Bookmobile March 27<sup>th</sup>

Spring Pictures on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Vision and Hearing Screening March 28<sup>th</sup> Spring Break is April 1-5. We are open for daycare only.