



Bobbie Noonan's Child Care
Palos Hills

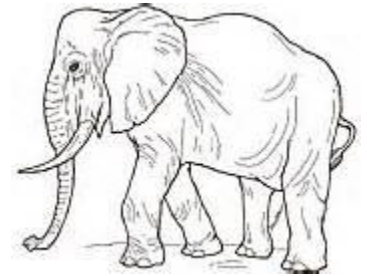
*****Pre-Kindergarten News*****
for the weeks of 3/11 & 3/18

- **Theme:** Mammals
- **Introduce:** 17 & 18
- **Expressive Vocabulary:** gullible: *easily fooled*
hurdle: *difficulty or problem to work through or get over*
- **Bits of Intelligence:** Musical Instruments
- **Fable:** The Birds, the Beasts and the Bat

Language Arts: A fun new unit on mammals begins this week. Mrs. Debbie will teach the boys and girls how to distinguish mammals from other types of animals. We will learn that mammals have fur or hair, are warm blooded and drink milk from their mothers. We will also talk about the zoo and recreate a mini zoo on our theme table. Books featured during story time will include *A Visit To The Zoo* by Sylvia Tester and *Is A Camel A Mammal?* by Tish Rabe. Everyone will get the chance to tell about their favorite zoo animal. We'll close our unit by making a class book for our library.

The Elephant

*The elephant goes like this and that
He's terribly wide and terribly fat
He has no fingers and he has no toes
But goodness, gracious – WHAT A NOSE!*



Concept: This week we will start our theme of mammals. Mrs. Julie will discuss different mammals and give facts about them such as where they live and what they eat. We'll also play "What's Missing?" with different animals. I will line up five different animals, have the children close their eyes, and then take one away. When they open their eyes they will guess which one has been removed. The sand table will be open to create habitats for mammals. We will continue working on our estimating and counting. We are now counting to 100!

Craft & Writing: The next couple weeks we will be discussing mammals. We will have a special "hide and seek" paper where the children have to find and color mammals. The children will also be working on a paper with the concept "Things that go together." Letter review will be done through connecting the dots in alphabetical order papers. We will also be doing different papers to learn our new numbers 17 and 18.

Important Dates:

- March 15.....Happy St. Patrick's Day! Remember to wear green. The boys and girls will celebrate with a wee bit of fun and games. Will the luck o' the Irish be with us as we search for the leprechaun's hidden pot of gold?
- March 20 and 21..... Spring Color Days! We would like the children to dress in their favorite color of the rainbow and bring in a piece of their fruit to match that color for our Spring Fling Fruit Salad.
- March 20.....**Happy Birthday Judy Ahmed!**
- March 25-29.....Spring Break/school open for Daycare only

Parent Reminder- Now that Spring is on its way, please think of us if your child has out grown their winter gear. We would appreciate any donations of boots, snow pants, gloves, or coats! Thank you.