

*The important thing is to not stop questioning.*  
*-Albert Einstein*

**\*The Kindergarten News\***  
*for the week of 3/8/21*

- **Theme-** Pets
- **Expressive Vocabulary-** yank -1. to pull something in a sharp, sudden way  
2. a sharp, sudden pull  
zenith -1. the point in the sky directly above where a person stands  
2. the highest or greatest point
- **Introduce-** Contractions/Measurement/ Review Yy and Zz/Sight words -climb, fall, some, out
- **Bits of Intelligence-** Insects

**Language Arts**

This week the boys and girls will be introduced to contractions. They will learn that a contraction is a short way of writing two words as one. The words are put together, leaving out one or more letters. A special kind of punctuation, called an apostrophe, replaces the missing letters. For now we will concentrate on the contractions with not- isn't, aren't, didn't, can't, don't, won't, hasn't, haven't, and wasn't. Our work with nouns and verbs also continues, as does our study of the "R" blends. We'll end our week with a fun sight word review game called sight word scratch.

**Math/Science**

The children will begin work on measurement this week. We will start by measuring objects in our classroom using non-standard units of measurement, such as our hands or feet and blocks. We will continue to work on telling time to quarter past the hour, as well as subtraction and addition. Our unit on pets will conclude too. This week we will learn about the care and keeping of fish, hamsters, snakes, frogs, and turtles. Remember that your student should bring in a picture of their pet, or the pet they wish they could have, for an upcoming creative writing assignment. The picture should be no larger than 3 ½" x 5" and should have your child's name printed on the back. Our work with fractions will expand to fractions with a numerator other than 1, such as 2/3 or 3/4.

**Important Dates**

March 12.....Art Day/Rainbow Craft

**Help Wanted!**

**Rather than having students pass out treats to their classmates at our Easter party, I am seeking donations of little toys or prizes to put in Easter baskets that the children will receive from the Easter Bunny. I'd like this to be a surprise for the boys and girls, so if you can assist, please see me directly. Thank you!**

