

"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think."

- Margaret Mead

*** The Kindergarten News ***

for the week of 2 / 21 / 22

- **Theme** – Animals
- **Introduce** – Sight Words: what, was, these & make / Telling Time - quarter past the hour
Review Uu & Vv
- **Expressive Vocabulary** – **ultimate** – *coming to the end; final*
variable – *likely to change*
- **Bits of Intelligence** – Insects
- **Proverb** – "Where there's a will, there's a way"

Language Arts

This week the children will be introduced to the concept of analogies. We will learn that an analogy is a comparison of two things based on the way they are alike. One example of an analogy might be: the big red circle goes with the little red circle just like the big blue circle goes with the _____.? This is a fun game that really helps test our brain power! We will do lots of work with spelling words this week, too. Everyone will get the chance to come to the white board to play "Build A Word" and we will also have a friendly competition of "Isolate The Sound". In this activity, the students will hear a CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) word and will then be asked to identify the sound heard at the beginning, at the end, and in the middle. It's often trickier than it seems! Look for our study of the "R" blends to continue as well.

Math / Science

Our lesson on telling time expands to include telling time to quarter past the hour. We will learn that when the big hand points to the three we say fifteen. Why? Because when we count the minutes from the 12 to the 3, we discover that there are fifteen of them! Many fun, new telling time jobs will be added to our concept job shelf too. Our unit on animals concludes this week as well. This week's discussion will focus on animal babies, camouflage, and animal sounds and movement. Our play zoo at the theme table will be host to many more animals and habitats. In science, we will use our Playdoh and animal tracks molds to sculpt a variety of animal footprints. Don't forget that your child should bring in a picture of their favorite animal for a class project by Friday. Please remember that the picture should be no larger than 3 ½ x 5 inches. Work will continue on subtraction and we will also do more review with addition.

Important Dates

February 21 (President's Day) Parent Conferences / No classes - school open for daycare only
February 25 Art Day / Leprechaun Craft Project
(look for these wee lads to be displayed in our classroom and sent home at a later date!)
February 26 Happy Birthday Joshua Ramirez!
March 2 Report Cards (with parent signature) due

Our classroom tends to be on the chilly side in the winter. Please feel free to have your child keep a sweater or hoodie in their cubby to put on if they feel cold. Thank you.