

*“If you want your children to keep their feet on the ground,
put some responsibility on their shoulders.”*

- Abigail VanBuren

*** The Kindergarten News ***

for the week of 3 / 28 / 22

- **Theme** – The Farm / Spring
- **Introduce** – Sight Words: people, brother, sister & baby
- **Expressive Vocabulary** – **arrogant** – *overbearing; haughty*
brilliant – *sparkling or glowing; very bright*
- **Bits of Intelligence** – Insects
- **Fable** – The Beekeeper and the Bees

Welcome back from Spring Break! I hope everyone enjoyed their time off and is ready for the last two and a half months of our academic school year!

Language Arts

Our unit on the farm will conclude this week. We will talk about the many kinds of machinery found on the farm and the different types of crops a farmer might grow. We will be sure to incorporate corn in our discussion, as Illinois is one of the top producers of this versatile food. We will even complete a farm themed writing page for our journals. Our work with contractions will expand as well. This time we will focus on contractions with will and have. This includes I'll, you'll, he'll, she'll, I've, you've, we've and they've. In other exciting news, everyone's favorite activity – The Surprise Box – returns from its winter hiatus! Since this will be the children's fourth turn, please encourage your child to write the clues by his or herself. This will not only reinforce printing, but will also strengthen literacy skills. Adult assistance with spelling is fine, but the student should be doing the work.

Math / Science

We will continue to work on our addition and subtraction fact families as well as using our Unifix cubes to help us measure objects in our classroom. We will also discuss our new season and the many wonderful changes it brings to our climate and environment. The students will learn that Spring means not only warmer weather and more hours of daylight, but is also a time of rebirth and new life. Our week will end with us conducting a simple, yet fun, science experiment in which we create a bouncy egg!

Important Dates

April 1 Art Day / paper plate bunny craft
April 14 Easter Party
April 15 Good Friday / no academic classes / school open for daycare only

Help Wanted!

Rather than having the students pass out treats to their classmates at our Easter party, I am seeking donations of small toys or prizes to put in Easter baskets that the children will receive from the Easter Bunny. I would like to keep this as a surprise for the boys and girls, so if you would like to assist with this special project, please speak with me directly. Thank you!