

KINDERGARTEN NEWS FOR APRIL

Parents,

Life has certainly thrown a curve ball into my usual April plans, but I will attempt to stay on course as much as possible while teaching from a distance. Your child's first "School Basket" will be on your porch on Monday!

We need to wrap up our Space unit, so there will be a few activities related to that. There are some things we need to be in the classroom for, so those will need to be put on hold for now (creating our own solar system and acting out the revolving planets set to music).

In **Writing Workshop** they will start writing daily in their own personal journals, continue to create books, and do some letter writing. Later in the month we will need to begin working on our books entitled "My Kindergarten Year". This is an extensive project which will include illustrations and photos from the year along with their writing. It will be a big part of their Portfolios.

The great outdoors is the emphasis this month as we study springtime, our earth, plants, and trees. Our plant unit usually includes actually planting a little garden, observing and collecting data. I will consider this possibility for home, or adapt it in some way. Meanwhile, try to get outside as much as you can and enjoy the springtime firsthand!

Our **field trip** this month was to be an "**I SPY WALK**" through the capitol grounds and Willamette U campus, but I will set you up with a neighborhood version instead!

Parent Conferences were also on the docket, so I planned to do lots of assessments...something else for later!

Please don't hesitate to email or call me with **ANY questions!**



APRIL UNITS OF STUDY

Science — Spring, Plants, Seeds, Trees, Taking Care of Our Earth

Social Studies — Maps

Writing Workshop — Personal Journals, Writing Letters,
"My Kindergarten Year"

Math — Word Problems, Fact Families, Measurement, 3-D Shapes

Literacy — Heart Words, Blends/Digraphs, Story Mapping

Author Studies — Eric Carle

Art — Painted Paper Collage (Eric Carle style)

Bible/Fruit of the Sprit — Gentleness