

APRIL 2021

Shape: Pentagon (5 points)

Colors: Blue & Turquoise

Opposites: Top/Bottom (and middle)

Values: Truthfulness

Motor Development: Crawling & Creeping

April 5-9

Insects & Arachnids

- * Discussion: "What fruits and vegetables grow in a garden? What is growing in our TRP garden?"
- * Science: Making and using a homemade "Balloon Barometer" and planting flower and grass seeds.
- * Arts & Crafts: Still Life watercolor painting (Sunflowers)
- * Sensory Experiences: Mung Beans in cornmeal with measuring spoons and craft sticks
- * Learn & Sing: "Bees" and "Baby Bumblebee"

April 12-16

Teacher's Choice

- * Discussion: "What are the benefits of recycling and repurposing materials?"
- * STEAM Activity: Craft stick bird feeders. Learn about different types of birds.
- * Arts & Crafts: Inspirational Painting (paint an item using various materials and discuss your creation)
- * Cooking: Vote on and prepare a recipe from a famous chef

Special Events:

May 29-April 2: Spring Break
We hope everyone had a great break!

April 6-7: Spring Portraits
with Christina Belle

April 9: Pre-Kindergarten Bike & Scooter Rally (Rooms 5, 8, 9, HL)

April 13: Kindergarten

Graduation Photos

April 16: JPK Bike & Scooter Rally (Rooms 7, 10, 11, HL)

April 22: Earth Day

April 23: Preschool Bike & Scooter Rally (Rooms 3 & 4)

April 26-May 9 Virtual Spring

Scholastic Book Fair *More details to follow

April 30: Kindergarten Bike & Scooter Rally (Rooms 6)

*All participants MUST bring a bike/scooter/ride-on and a helmet.

April 19-23

Going Green and Gardening

- * Discussion Questions: "What makes a garden, a garden? How do gardens help our planet?"
- * Art & Crafts: Still Life painting of a vase of flowers and paint tin cans vases.
- * STEAM Activity: Build/plant your own garden using recyclable materials. Watch a video on the CleverTouch Board about how plants grow and what they do for our planet.
- * Music: "Vegetable" song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ds6tUxatnTs>

April 26-30

Dinosaurs: Carnivores and Herbivores

- * Discussion: "Dinosaurs like to _____!" Ask the children what they know, what they want to know and at the end, what they learned." Discuss neat facts.
- * Math: "DINomite" Math (theme-related games) and non-standard measurement with pentagons
- * Cooking: Orange and Lime Citrus slushy; make and eat
- * Geography: Where did the dinosaurs live? Mark locations on a map
- * Art & Crafts: Make imprints of small dinosaurs in clay; dry art

10 Ideas to Get You and Your Child Exploring Outdoors

1. Go for a nature scavenger hunt.
2. Put a twist on your scavenger hunt:
3. Observe and sketch.
4. Follow an ant trail.
5. Observe a tree throughout the seasons.
6. Find nature in surprising places.
7. Press flowers and leaves.
9. Explore seeds.
10. Collect conservatively.

Read More: <https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/ideas-exploring-outdoors>