

Transitional Kindergarten News

April 2019



This month we are learning about Earth Day and what we can do to help keep the earth clean and healthy. Students will pick up litter around the school, learn about recycling and composting our scraps from snack and lunch. We are planting seeds in our garden and in the classroom. We will spend time in nature observing the beauty around our school and make a pledge to take care of it. We have been discussing how to reduce waste from our lunches and daily use of resources (water, energy, paper, etc). I encourage my students to avoid using single use plastic such as water bottles and straws. In science, students have been learning about life cycles. We are studying plants, butterflies and frogs. After break, we will have live painted lady caterpillars and tadpoles in the classroom to observe as they go through metamorphosis. In math, we continue to practice equations and build fluency with adding numbers 1-10. It is easy to practice on fingers at home. We are also practicing the < and > symbols. Comparing number values is essential for understanding the meaning behind numbers. Counting objects is a great way to strength number sense. Count toys, books, shoes, anything! Sort objects into groups and compare the numbers. Playing the card game called Top It (War) is a fun way to practice this skill. In Language arts, I am introducing sight words that are memorized and frequently read in children's books. Once I have taught 25 words, I will send home flash cards to practice at home. Our SEL focus this month is perseverance, sharing an imagination and win-win solutions to problems. We learned "rock, paper scissors" as a quick problem solver for everyday quarrels.

Upcoming Events:

- Spring Break is April 15-19
- May Day Parade and Carnival - Saturday, May 4th
- Open House - Thursday, May 16th
- WSF Auction- Saturday- May 18th
- Hidden Villa Field Trip - Friday, May 17th from 10-12

Wish List:

- Fresh Fruit/Veggies for afternoon snack. The students will eat anything that I offer them at 2:00!
- Soft facial tissues for runny noses
- Perler beads