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Newsletter

Fun Facts For April 2017

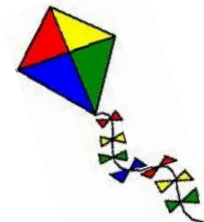







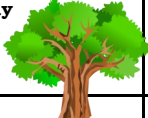
Keep America Beautiful Month - Go for a walk and pick up trash along the way.

National Humor Month - Teach your child how to tell a joke.

National Kite Month - Try flying a kite, make sure it is in a safe area.

Frog Month - Read a silly book about frogs and then hop around like a frog.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 April Fools Day |
| 2 | 3 Find a Rainbow Day  | 4 | 5 Dandelion Day | 6 | 7 National Walk to Work Day | 8 Draw a Picture of a Bird Day |
| 9 | 10 Siblings Day | 11 | 12 | 13 Scrabble Day  | 14 | 15 World Art Day  |
| 16 Easter  | 17 Patriots Day | 18 | 19 Bicycle Day  | 20 | 21 | 22 Earth Day |
| 23 Week of the Young Child April 24th-28th | 24 | 25 Penguin Day | 26 | 27 | 28 Arbor Day  | 29 |
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Parent Connectors Are Rolling In

Keep up the good work on the Parent Connectors! If everyone continues to complete and turn them in we will meet our goal. Here's a few ideas you could try during your Parent Connector time:

1. As the weather gets nice complete them outside.
2. If your child seems bored when doing them add on another step. Your child's teacher can help with this, write a note asking for some pointers.
3. Sometimes children have a hard time completing them. If this is something you are seeing, please visit with your child's teacher; the teacher can explain other ways you can use the connector and still get great results.
4. It is never too late to turn them in.
5. Make this a fun learning time, be patient when working with your child. If you or your child are getting frustrated take a break.
6. The habit of completing some school work will carry with them throughout their school career. Come up with a time that works and add that to your routine.

Most of all enjoy the quality time you are spending with your child!

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Red Room News

We have had a busy March. The end of the year is coming up really quickly. Since the 100th day was the last day of February, beginning March 1st we have started counting down the number of school days left. We had themes of Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day and Leprechauns, Feelings and Butterflies, Caterpillars and Ladybugs. The first week of March we celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and also Nebraska's 150th birthday. We had a fun time going on our Leprechaun hunt and then returning to find the sneaky leprechaun had messed up our room! We watched our caterpillars grow from teeny tiny to very big and then change into their chrysalises. They will change into butterflies around the 2nd week of April. We have also been watching our ladybug larvae change into their pupa stage. They will hatch into ladybugs soon. We reviewed numbers 1-20, shapes of hexagon, square, octagon and triangle and reviewed the colors of black, white, green, grey and brown. We also learned what a shamrock shape was. We started our sight words. So far we have learned: I, me, it, and, a, can, in and the. We will continue to learn a new sight word each day through April. If the children find sight words in books from our library they get a prize.

Coming up in April we will be looking at nutrition and our food groups, Easter and baby animals and farms. We are hoping to get another field trip in some-time this spring too! We will continue to review our numbers 1-20 and our colors and shapes. We will learn a new sight word each day too.

With the weather still cool in the mornings please be sure you are sending a light jacket with your children at least for our morning outside time. Also be sure you are cleaning their school bag out each night. We welcome parents to come eat lunch with us, just check with Miss Sandy at the front desk to set this up. Have a pleasant April!



Miss Laura and Miss Ashley



Purple Room News

Hello from the Purple Room!

March has flown by so fast! We have been learning away in the Purple Room. We are learning new sight words each week, learning about leprechauns, and dinosaurs, and healthy foods, and also working on our skills to get ready for Kindergarten! Keep up the good work! We are doing great!

In April we will be adding to our sight word vocabulary, keep learning about our letters and the sounds they make, and work on our skills. We will be learning about new fun topics such as fairy tales, ocean life, and much more in April so ask your learner to tell you what we are learning about! A few reminders for the month of April: Buddy Break will be April 4th from 6p.m.-7p.m. Also, even though the weather is getting nicer we still need to make sure our kids are wearing appropriate clothing for both inside and outside activities.

I also want to thank you for keeping up and sending the Parent-Child Connectors back! They are a great way to not only spend time with your little learner, but also to work on those skills to get them ready for Kindergarten. Keep up the good work!

Thanks,
Miss Heather and Miss Janita



Blue Room News

Holy Guacamole! 2017 is FLYING! It's hard to believe that we are moving into April already and believe it or not, our summer countdown has begun! So many of our friends are excited to engage in summer activities and warm sunny weather, but for now, we are just happy that spring may be finally here!

During the month of April, we will be exploring insects, caterpillars, and butterflies and discussing their life cycle! We will also be talking about farms including animals, jobs, and the purpose of a farm. We will celebrate Earth Day and discuss how we can make the Earth a better place for us to live. And last but not least, we will jump into spring and discuss that life cycle of flowers and the critters that help us have such beautiful plants in nature. We will be doing lots of reviewing as well as introducing the last of our letters: Q, X, Y, and Z. The last session of GOLD is completed within April with conferences shortly behind!

Miss Dawn and I applaud you on all of the opportunities being taken advantage of while completing the Parent-Child Connectors. Keep up the great work! And please, at any time, feel free to let us know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about your learner's progress or involvement!



Miss Brittany and Miss Dawn



Yellow Room News

Happy spring from the Yellow Room!

I can't believe how fast the month of March has come and gone. I believe the nice weather has helped the time pass. With that being said keep in mind when getting ready for school in the mornings, although the weather man might say it will be a warm day, children still need to wear clothes for the cooler weather because we do go out in the morning and the weather is a bit cooler than in the afternoon.

In the month of March we learned about dinosaurs the different types and names, where they are found and the job of a paleontologist. The children looked and found their own dinosaurs in the ground. We also learned about the "My Plate" - what it is and the food groups that make up the "My Plate." The children also got to make their own fruit salad to eat at snack.

In the month of April we are hoping to take a field trip to the local grocery store. The purpose of this field trip is to give the children an idea of what can be found in a grocery store and how it all works. We will then make our classroom into a grocery store so the children can take what they learned on our field trip experience and pretend in the classroom. Also in the month of April we will take a closer look into the spring season.

Keep working hard on the parent/child connectors as it is never too late to turn them in. If you are finding your child is losing interest or it's just too easy or difficult for them, we can change it up a bit. We want you and your child to get the most benefit out of the lessons being learned.



Miss Tammy and Miss Letica





Here at Dodge County Head Start we have many volunteers that help make our program SUPER! Grantee Board, Policy Council and Health Advisory Board members insure that our program follows all guidelines and standards. Thank you to all of these Superheroes for their time, knowledge, and compassion for our program!

Grantee Board:

The Grantee Board is made up of representatives from Midland University Board of Trustees, interested community members, and Head Start and Early Head Start parents.

The purpose of the Grantee Board is to act as the supervisory agent in all matters regarding our Head Start and Early Head Start program. This group volunteers their time for a monthly meeting and other tasks to ensure that we offer a high quality program.

Dodge County Head Start Grantee Board members:

Steve Pribnow (Chairman)

Rebecca Winterfeld (Vice-Chairman)

Hayley Fischer (Secretary)

Patty Dillon

Scott Fincham

Sherry Koehler

Karen Kortan

Kevin Kraus

Eileen Larsen

Anjelica McChesney

Carolyn Nordstrom

Cathy Saeger



Health Advisory Board:

The Health Advisory Board is made up of Head Start and Early Head Start parents, professionals, and interested community members.

The purpose of the Health Advisory Board is to ensure our program offers health and nutrition services that will support each child's growth and school readiness. This group volunteers their time for meetings and other tasks to ensure that we offer a high quality program.

Dodge County Head Start Health Advisory Board members:

Kathy Knefil

Nan Cunningham

Jazmin Struble

Jennie Dunavan

Beth Vrana

Terra Uhing

Jan Jordan

Kid Care (staff member)

Pediatric Partners (staff member)

Fremont Children's Dentistry (staff member)

Joanne Thietje

Aliesha Perkins

Jessica Hagerbaumer



Policy Council:

The Policy Council is made up of Head Start and Early Head Start parents and interested community members who are elected by current Head Start and Early Head Start parents each fall.

The purpose of the Policy Council is to ensure our program has an established policy group and a well-functioning governing body that shares in the responsibility for overseeing services to children and families. This group volunteers their time for a monthly meeting and other tasks to ensure that we offer a high quality program.

Dodge County Head Start Policy Council members:

Anjelica McChesney

Jessica Hagerbaumer

Christina Touchstone

Jillian Sherman

Scott Fincham

Alicia Crow

Jamie Wells

Sarah Huynh



