

APRIL THEMES

In the month of April, the children will be learning

- VPK Beachside – “Animals”
- VPK North – “Changes”
- Three-Year-Olds Beachside - “Amazing Critters”
- Three-Year-Olds North – “Animals”
- Two-Year-Olds Beachside - “Traditional Tales”
- Two-Year-Olds North – “Animals”

Both schools will have the weekly lesson plans posted. Please take a few minutes to read about what your child is studying. Knowing what they are learning will help you connect with your child and facilitate wonderful family conversations.



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IMPORTANT DATES:

APRIL 15TH – EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 7TH – BEACHSIDE PICTURE DAY

APRIL 8TH – NORTH PICTURE DAY

MAY 3RD – VPK GRADUATION PICTURE DAY

JUNE 3RD – VPK GRADUATION CEREMONY



EGG HUNT

Happy Easter to everyone!

The children will be enjoying an egg hunt on Friday, April 15th. This springtime activity promises to be lots of fun for the children and their classmates.

Please do not send containers to school for the children to collect their eggs in. Each child will decorate their own container at school for the hunt.

Though the COVID pandemic is gradually improving, we will continue to be cautious and limit the number of people attending. To continue to protect the children and avoid crowds, we cannot have any visitors while the children are searching for the eggs. We look forward to taking pictures for you to enjoy on our Facebook group. If you have not yet become a member of our Facebook group, please check it out at facebook.com/groups/ilcvirtual. There is a lot of good information and plenty of precious pictures for you to enjoy there!



INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Mr. Stan from Expressions Photography will be arriving to take individual photos of the children on the following dates:

Thursday, April 7th at our Beachside Location

Friday, April 8th at our North Location

VPK Graduation Photos will be taken on May 3rd at both locations.

We will post reminders of the sessions at each of the school locations. The packages are always reasonably priced and there is no obligation to purchase anything if you are not pleased.

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**NATIONAL
KITE MONTH**

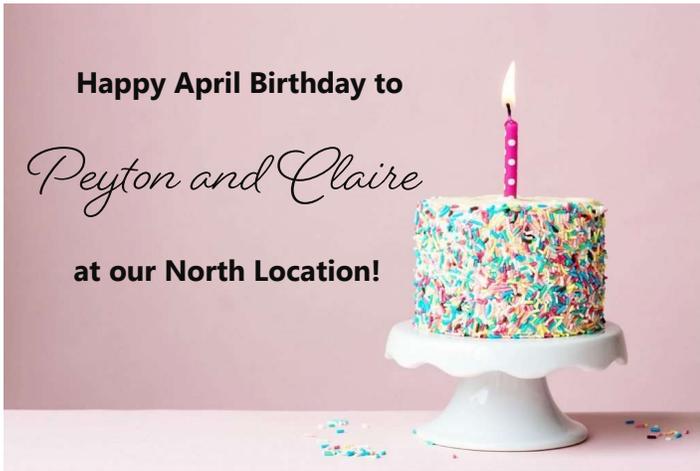
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EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, April 22nd is the annual recognition of Earth Day. Of course, we will be speaking with the children about caring for the Earth every day throughout the year not simply on the 22nd of April! Raising awareness about protecting our planet is an extremely important message that we would like to share with children. This message, coupled with the adults in their lives modeling good habits, can contribute to creating great helpers and environmentalist to take care of the world.





GRADUATION IS ALMOST HERE!

We are very excited to announce that we are planning to hold the graduation ceremony for all our VPK graduates in person this year!!

This exciting event will be held at our North location on Friday, June 3rd, 2022. Please mark your calendars now – the date will be here before we know it! The ceremony will be held in the morning. *More specific information will follow next month as we continue to work out the details.*

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

April is National Poetry Month. Why not enjoy some poetry with your children this week with your child? Who knows, you may enjoy it so much that it can become a habit!

Here are 7 reasons why your children NEED poetry.

1. Poetry helps build early literacy skills. It really does! Rhyme, rhythm, and sound are emphasized in poems. Want to try out a few [rhyme games](#)?
2. Poetry helps children develop their memory and brain power -- nursery rhymes and songs, especially! Here are some [great nursery rhymes](#) to check out and if you are looking to bring that poetry to life, these are [great ideas](#).
3. Poetry encourages children to play with language and words. When reading poetry, they hear how words can be moved and stretched to rhyme, and when they write poetry, they're doing the same!
4. Poetry helps emerging readers. Often, emerging readers are not as intimidated when reading poetry because many poems are short and sweet. The rhyme helps with figuring out words, as does the rhythm.
5. If nursery rhymes are way too "babyish," try using rap to teach poetry. Poetry, especially in songs and rap (check for parental advisory), is great for reluctant readers. When children realize that songs and rap are forms of poetry, they're often all of a sudden interested in reading!
6. Poetry gives all kids an outlet for sharing their thoughts, ideas, and feelings -- especially tweens and teens.
7. Poetry is fun! Poetry is FUNNY! Poetry makes children LAUGH. In the [Scholastic Kids and Family Reading Report](#), we've found that the majority of children ages 6–17 (70%) say they want books that "make me laugh." Children also want books that "let me use my imagination" (54%). POETRY CAN DO THAT. Take a look at some of [Shel Silverstein's poetry](#), which is bound to make kids laugh. Or, if your child is more of a writer, then you can start with some [silly Limerick writing](#). Children love these!!

We hope that you enjoy some poetry with your child this month. We are confident that your children will love it!! Have fun.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are grateful that we are fortunate to work with your children each day at school. Working as a team with the family will contribute immensely to the children's success.

We have noticed that there are a couple of important areas that have a tremendous impact on children's growth and development that need improvement. We are hopeful, with your assistance, the children will receive the boost and support that is needed to learn, practice and master some of these skills.

Self-Help Skills

Kindergarten will be here before we know it!! It is particularly important that children have mastered the necessary self-help skills that are required to perform daily tasks each day in kindergarten and there are many. Often, we sometimes are the biggest thing standing in the way of our children. It is so much easier for us to do for the children. When we overdo it, we unknowingly take away the precious opportunities for children to learn, practice and acquire these necessary skills.

When children practice self-help skills such as feeding, dressing, and cleaning up, they practice their large and small motor skills, gain confidence in their ability to try new things and build their self-esteem and pride in their independence. This is a wonderful gift to give them to take to kindergarten. **These task will not be done for them in kindergarten!** Please allow your children to dress themselves (to include shoes and socks), brush their own teeth, wash their hands, use the toilet (including wiping and hand washing) open and close things, blow their nose (wash hand after), clean up after their self and listen to instructions.

With your trust and support they will be able to do it on their own and ready to skip through that kindergarten door!

Nutrition

A healthy selection of food in the lunch box is essential to meet children's developmental growth and mental needs. They expend a good deal of energy throughout the day at school and their bodies require "refueling"!

Many of us enjoy chips and cookies, but we know to have fruit, vegetables and protein for additional choices. In school, we encourage the children to "eat your healthy food, first" before they grab a treat. Please take a few minutes and check to be sure your child has some healthy choices in the lunch box. Better yet, consider having your child help pack lunch the evening before school. Ask them to choose a fruit or vegetable to add to the lunch. Children also enjoy a tasty dip for some vegetables. You can make a game out of preparing lunch and ask is an apple a fruit or vegetable? Which one would you like to take to school today? Best of all, your child will benefit when they peek into the lunch box each day and discover healthy choices.

Thank you.