



# WCA Preschool Times



April 1, 2024

I hope this finds you and your family well rested after the long week off. If you enjoyed a staycation hopefully you were able to enjoy the nicer weather during the week. It was very nice getting to meet with many of you at conferences. If you were not able to come, please feel to contact me and we can set up a time during rest time or after school. Looking back at our week before break we sure had fun with books and activities focused on March is Reading Month and our author focus, Leo Lionni. We read his book *Inch by Inch* and then Mrs. Tran did the cutest lifelike moving inch worm craft with them! Then everyone had an opportunity to measure and compare various items in the classroom that were pictured on clipboards. Everyone's chameleon turned out great, too, as they picked out many different colored squares of tissue paper and then painted them on with a diluted glue mix. Mrs. Vogt was a guest reader in our room and we completed four Bingos on the Bingo Board! Everyone picked out a rock for their Leo Lionni mouse, but we didn't get to make the mice. We will do that this week. Spring is the perfect time of year for our next unit of study, plants! Our room will slowly come to life over the next few weeks as we enjoy making hairy caterpillars and hatching chicks. We will use egg cartons with soil and spread grass seed on it and then water our caterpillar's hairy back while watching the seeds slowly sprout up. This is a great living science experiment. We will have organic soil in the sensory table with plastic pots, fake flowers, shovels and gardening gloves. Pretend play will turn into a flower shop and we will have real earth worms at the science table. The class will be able to touch and look at them with magnifying glasses while learning about why they are so important to the soil. We will also get our fertilized chicken eggs in the incubator! I have plastic eggs that show what the daily growth looks like inside the egg and in 20 to 21 days we'll have baby chicks!

## Areas of Focus

*Plants*



## Literacy and Language



- Books: *Ten Seeds*, *The Rain Came Down*, *Miss Maple's Seeds*, *Secrets of the Garden*, *How Plants Grow*, *The Tiny Seed*
- Same-Sound Pairs
- Syllable Recognition (Words with 1, 2, and 3 syllables.)

### *Focus Words*

*\*soil \*roots \*stem \*nutrients \*germinate*

## Math, Science, Sensory

### *\* Sensory Table Gardener*

(Soil, Fake Flowers, Plastic Shovels and Pots)

### *\* Plastic Bag Lima Bean*

(Predict, Graph Growth, Draw Observations)

### *\* Parts of a Plant*

*\* Seed Sorting Math (Size, More, Less, Equal)*



## Important News

➔ *Mark your calendar for the last day of preschool on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>!*

➔ *Please dress your child in layers each day! We will be outside as much as we can. Thank you! ☺*

## Preschool Poetry Recitation

All school year we have been hearing individual poetry recitations from our WCA students at opening ceremony. The high schoolers always kick off the school year and as the weeks go on we work our way down through the grades with the last month of school being our youngest students taking their turn. Since preschool gets out one week before K-12 we will be doing our poem, as a class, the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>! We are going to start practicing now so your child's comfort level with familiarity is that much stronger on the day of our poem. As the week draws nearer, I'll be sure to communicate our poem date!

### All of Me

by Jessica McDonald

***My hands are for clapping***

(Clap hands together 2x.)



***My arms can hug tight***

(Cross arms over body and hug.)



***My fingers can snap***

(Snap fingers with both hands the best we can.)



***Or can turn out the light***

(Hand motion flipping off a light switch.)



***My legs are for jumping***

(Jump in the air 1x.)



***My eyes help me see***

(Point to eyes using both hands.)



***This is my body.***

(Raise both hands in the air above the head.)



***And I love all of me!***

(Place both hands over the heart.)

