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M-W-F 4's/UPK/Kinderprep April Newsletter 2019

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Dear Parents,

The month of April will provide an opportunity for some nature-related activities. We will make various kinds of spring related projects. Later in the month, we will plant pumpkin seeds and with Mother Nature's help, the children will have a seedling to transplant in a home garden. This experience has proven successful for many children in the past.

A very important activity is reading daily to your preschooler. Listening as a skill can be developed by pointing out the sounds of words, noting rhymes, and words that start and end alike. Play simple music, have children mimic and identify animals, birds, machines, etc. The combination of many experiences will help to develop the child's readiness for learning. Please remember though that a child should not be pushed to learn. An attempt to make a child learn too early only frustrates the child and parent.

Simple activities that many forget, but that are very educational for your child to do is coloring, mazes, tracing, dot-to-dot and board games. These help your child to develop both in fine motor skills and in executive functioning (such as planning, organizing, strategizing, paying attention to and remembering details, and managing time and space).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child or school, please feel free to contact us. Thank you.

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### Important Dates

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Field trip to RMSG

April 7<sup>th</sup> –Easter Egg Hunt 4:00pm

April 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>-Spring Recess- School Closed

May 27<sup>th</sup> -Monday-Memorial Day (School Closed)

May 28<sup>th</sup> -Tuesday-UPK/Kinderprep will have class

### Finger plays

#### Three Little Speckled Frogs

Three little speckled frogs,  
Sitting on a speckled log,  
Eating the most delicious bugs  
Yum – Yum

One jumped into the pool  
Where it was nice and cool  
Then there were two little frogs  
Glub! Glub!  
(repeat verse using two, then one)

#### Moving Song (Song to “Jingle Bells”)

Clap your hands, stomp your feet, wiggle all around,  
Reach your hands high in the air, and now let's touch the ground.  
Hold your head, hold your hips, give yourself a hug.  
Clap your hands, stamp your feet, wiggle all around.