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**M-W-F 4's/UPK/Kinderprep April Newsletter 2024
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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 into a home garden. This experience has proven successful for many children in the past.

Please remember we have our Field trip to the RMSC on Wednesday, April 17th. The children will spend 1 hour in the Inquiry Room where they will be broken up into small groups to observe and experience hands-on learning. They will be guided through stations of inquiry-based activities. They will also be able to tour the rest of the Museum.

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 are coloring, mazes, tracing, dot-to-dot, and board games. These help your child to develop both fine motor skills and 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 1st-8th- Spring Break

April 17- Inquiry Room Field trip

April 19-Movie Night(More info coming soon)

May 24-No School

May 27th -Monday-Memorial Day (School Closed)

May 29th-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.