

Happy Easter



E.L. Wiegand Early Learning Center April 2016 Newsletter

Classroom News

Tumbleweeds

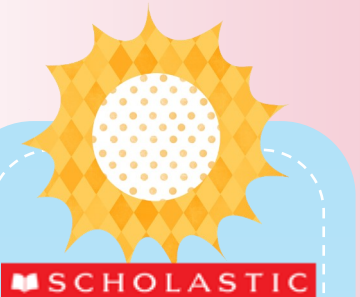
Happy April parents! Spring has sprung and we are so excited for the nice weather! First and foremost I'd like to welcome two new teachers in the classroom who are a great fit for our little ones—Miss Mia is our new morning teacher and Miss Holly is our new afternoon teacher! They both bring so much experience and positive energy to the room and we are excited to have them. This month we are preparing for parent teacher conferences, which is a quick meeting to see how your baby is doing in class and where they are developmentally. We will have a sign up sheet at the front desk in the coming weeks. This month we will be working on lots of new songs with gestures and music to get our babies dancing as well as continuing the spring art for our walls is a must! Remember to always check your cubbies for any new art coming home! –Miss Shannon, Miss Kelli, Miss Mia, Miss Diamond and Miss Holly

Bluebirds

March came and went but we are excited for April! We are sad Miss Mia has moved to the Infant room yet isn't too far away, but are thrilled to have Miss Amberly with us! Also, we would like to welcome some new friends Tamsen and Camille and Oliver to the Bluebirds class. Lets not forget April showers bring May flowers so always have coats on hand! Thank you! –Miss Amberly, Miss Yavely, Miss Cyndi, Miss Martha and Miss Michelle

Wolves

So many things have been happening-and we're welcoming a new baby wolf, Piper and Gabriella into our Wolves class! We're so excited to start our Spring with beautiful weather! The sun is shining, but there are still chilly and cold days so be sure to still bring jackets. We sent out ASQ's not too long ago and it's not too late to get them turned in. If you have any questions about how to finish the ASQ, any teacher will be able to answer those questions, so don't fret! The ASQ's will help us with our parent teacher conferences and to see where your child is academically. Thank you again parents for helping with the class and asking the questions that you might have. –Miss Kayla, Miss Kacidee, Miss Alex, Miss Erika and Miss Tyler



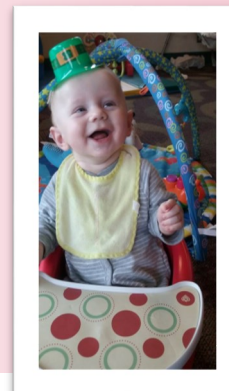
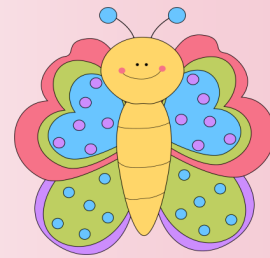
Be sure to check out the Scholastic Book Order program! Each class has been given age appropriate book order forms with an internet code written on them. It's easy as 1, 2, 3!

5 Hidden Benefits of Reading for Kids (and their parents)

1. Building Bonds—scholastic calls reading "a gift for time-challenged parents who may feel guilty about missing special moments with their kids."
2. Secret to Success- Children who are read to daily are a year ahead of their peers in terms of reading acumen.
3. Rich vocabulary equals advantage- "the language in books is very rich, and a child who hears more sophisticated words has a giant advantage over a child who hasn't."
4. Teaching by example—reading is one of the most essential and valuable activities kids can inherit from parents simply by observing them.
5. Boosting self-esteem and communication skills- educators say that children who have the ability to find the words they want to use are more likely to have strong self-image, sense of confidence, and higher academic standing

"5 Hidden Benefits Of Reading For Kids (And Their Parents!)." *The Huffington Post*. Web. 16 Mar.





Rattlesnakes

This month has been so exciting with all the visitors! We all got to meet the police officers, sit on their motorcycle, pet the K-9 and sit in the police car. We experienced what it was like to sit in a firetruck and get a picture while pretending to be a firefighter! We learned how a caterpillar turns into a butterfly while making our own caterpillar and butterfly art! Spring was introduced by talking about flowers blooming, trees growing and of course the sun shine and rain. Please take a look at all the amazing art your child has made that is hanging around the room! Reminder: parent teacher conferences are coming up so don't forget to bring back your child's ASQ. Thanks to all parents who helped with our Staff Retreat and a special shout out to all the Rattlesnakes who are potty training! ~Miss Merri, Miss Kamrynn, Miss Mikayla, Miss Mariela and Miss Cassie

Foxes

We had such an exciting month of March. Our Foxes loved all of the special guests that volunteered for Community Helpers Week. We hope our students took home some valuable life lessons from our Chef, Firefighters, Police and ER Nurse. Safety was a huge focus that our guests seemed very keen on teaching as are we! Our little sprouts we planted in our classroom are growing so quickly and we will be learning more about the different parts of plants during "Gardening" week. Soon they will be able to take them home! Thank you parents! ~Miss Caitlyn, Miss Janessa and Miss Eden

Mustangs

Hello and happy Spring! We had an eventful month of March! Thank you to the parents who gave their time to present during Community Helper week along side the police officers and fire fighters. Our class has been able to add trips to Pennington to our schedule, which you can now find on the stairwell! We're in a home stretch for Kindergarten, let's work together on socially acceptable behaviors such as; bullying, helping others, and waiting our turn to speak. They are all so smart and we are so proud! ~Miss Tausha, Miss Teri, Miss Sandy, Miss Keegan, Miss Kelsey and Miss Kaitlyn

Director's Corner:

Spring is in the air! As we all know Reno weather is very unpredictable, please make sure you have appropriate clothes in your child's cubby.

Did you know the Early Learning Center is reward free? Children do not get stickers or prizes for cleaning up, doing their school work, or good behavior. Why? The problem is – that kids become **dependent** on the external rewards, and **less motivated** within themselves. (intrinsically). Our goal is to make each child feel like they are a part of our school family, and ensuring this is all of our responsibility. We want children to recognize making good choices and doing your best feels good, not "makes you good" and we want them to know good character is doing the right thing even when others (mom, dad, teachers..) are not looking. At the Early Learning Center teaching children to love to learn is important, but giving them the foundation to believe in themselves and to be a person of good character is our passion.

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, we are preparing for parent teacher conferences and all of our kids graduating to the next classroom.

We hope all of you are enjoying seeing the children's growth each day, we sure are!

Happy Spring

Miss Kim



APRIL 2016 HAPPY

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All About Weather Oo					1 Wear Sun-glasses	2
3 Gardening Xx	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Eric Carle Qq	11	12	13 PJ Day	14	15	16
17 Earth Week Ee	18	19	20	21 Bring Recyclables	22	23
24 Hispanic Week Letter Review	25	26	27	28	29 Spirit Day	30