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### Key Dates in April

- **April 1st:** Tuition Due
- **April 1st: Class resumes following Spring Break**
- **April 3rd:** Yoga
- **April 10th:** Yoga
- **April 12th:** Scholastic Orders Due
- **April 17th:** Yoga
- **April 17th:** Chicken eggs arrive
- **April 19th:** Graduation forms DUE
- **April 24th:** Yoga
- **April 29th:** Parent/Teacher conferences—No Classes

## Tidbits From The Teachers

We are looking forward to a busy spring! There will be many new learning experiences for the children.

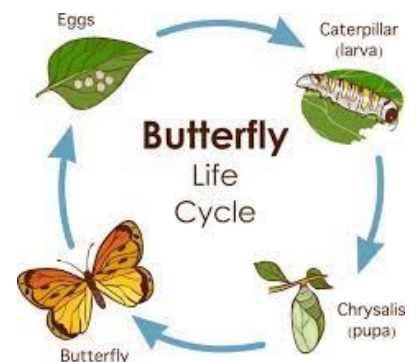
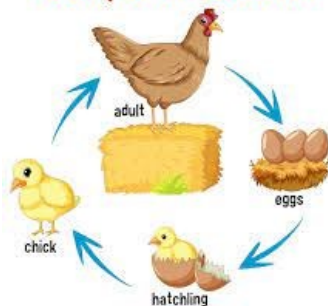
Our main focus this month will be the lifecycle of the chicken and embryology as well as the lifecycle of the butterfly. These are two of our most exciting topics in the eyes of the children. There is so much for the students to discover within these units. We will work on daily activities to learn about the incubation process, and by the time the chicks hatch, all of the children will have such great knowledge about this fascinating event. We will also be working on several lessons and projects having to do with the metamorphosis process of a butterfly.

As the weather improves, the students will explore the outside and see how nature has changed since winter left us. We will talk about our beautiful surroundings such as the trees and flowers, and how weather assists in their growth process. Please remember that our playground can be a little messy for small feet. Play shoes and play clothes are best for outdoor activities.

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### Life Cycle of a Chicken



# Extended Day Updates

## Math Madness

Measurement is **the action of measuring something**. We can measure time, weight, height, temperature, length, speed, and more. If we didn't have measurement, it would be very hard to know when to go to school, how much you weigh, or how cold or warm it is outside. We will be investigating types of measurement this month. Hands on experiences with a ruler, clock, scale, thermometer, and timer will all be used to help give the children a good understanding of different concepts of measurement.



## Science Discoveries



*"Research is what I am doing when I don't know what I am doing",* Wernher Von Braun

Children are born scientists. They discover and learn by experimenting in their daily lives. This month, we will experiment with light, water and sound and observe their different properties.

## Art Appreciation

This month we will be exploring the art works of Salvador Dalí, a Spanish artist whose name became synonymous with surrealism.



## Phonics Fun

This month we will start working on using the letter sounds we've learned to make new sounds. Consonant digraphs are groups of two consonants that make a single sound such as "ch" and "ck" for "chick". We will create cute fun spring crafts with these new sounds!

## FUN FRIDAYS

Spring is in the air and a perfect time to get our hands dirty planting flowers and seeds! Even if all you do is plant, care for and watch your seeds and seedlings closely, children will develop their inner naturalists as they build a foundation of understanding about the the life cycle of plants and just a bit about the survival of both a single living thing and an entire species. We will cover the importance of plants to our ecosystem, the different functions of pant parts, and learn some fun songs related to our subject of study.



## Reminders from the Office

✍️ **2024-2025 Master Calendar**—Calendars are ready and have been sent out via email. They are also available on our website.

✍️ **Tax Time.** It's that time of year again—you can claim your tuition under the child care deduction. ***Our Tax ID number is 82-3516300***



**Our final book order of the year  
is due by Friday, April 12th.**

Thanks to the parents and our Scholastic Book Club program! We have been able to order many new and exciting books, CD's and other items for our school this year. Thank you to everyone who continues to support this program. If you would like to order online, please sign up at [www.Scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.Scholastic.com/bookclubs). On the parent page click the "Don't have a User Name and Password?" (or new user) link, then register for your own username and password. When prompted, enter the one-time **Class Activation Code: GVFQH**. This code ensures that your order is sent to us. When your account is activated, it will say that Mari-Ann Moreno is your child's teacher. ***If you have already signed-up, all you need to do is log-in and shop.***

The teachers and children would like to extend a huge thanks to all of those who donated items to our school during the month of March. Your generosity contributes to the success of our school.



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