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Welcome Spring! The calendar finally says it's so, but we're still anxiously awaiting "lamblike" weather. We are more than ready to shake off the "winter blues" and get outside to spend time with Mr. Sun.

We'll begin our month with a study of animal babies to coincide with the arrival of our chick eggs. We'll also explore insects and compare them to what we've learned about our animal friends. Appreciation for the living things of our world sets the stage for focus on our planet and how we can do our part to take care of it during Earth Week! But our big effort this month will be on our preparations for our annual tribute to our wonderful moms!



Spring Weather Reminders: Please be sure that your child comes to school with a **weather appropriate jacket and sneakers**. We'll take advantage of nice weather days by doing many activities outside. Keep in mind that "here on the hill" we often have a breeze blowing and, while the sun is warm, there is still a spring chill in the air. **Spring is also a good time to change over the spare clothing that is kept in your child's backpack.** You might be surprised to see how much they have grown! In spring we often need to change pants due to mud or spills rather than potty problems.



Summer Camp Weeks

Brochures will be going home to Step 2 and Pre K classes giving details about our two week "camp" sessions being held three mornings a week during the last week of May and first week of June. Themes this year are **Come to the Circus** and **Wild West**. Children are welcome to sign up for one or both sessions. Check our brochure for more details. We request your registration by **May 7**, so we can make preparations for supplies and staff needs. Due to the nature of the projects and activities planned, we are only able to offer "camp" to the older classes.



Mother's Day

Invitations to our annual event honoring all of our wonderful moms will be coming home soon. Mark your calendars for this year's program, **Singin' in the Rain**, on **May 3rd and 4th**.



Scholastic Book Orders

A special thanks to all of our families who supported our book club this year. Your purchases help us accumulate points which allow us to purchase many valuable books, games and manipulatives for the children to use at school. The last two book club orders will go home early April and then again in early May. Look for great summer reads!



BBLC Yearbooks

This year we will again offer a school yearbook for each of our classes. We take many pictures of the children engaged in school activities and find this a great way to share all these special moments from your child's 2017-2018 school year with you. Three different yearbooks will be compiled for each of our three different age groups. This offering is certainly optional for each family. We will send

home order forms soon and will print books for those families that are interested. Deadline for orders will be April 27.

DONATION OF THE MONTH

Many thanks for all of your generosity during this school year. Your kindness to us was such a blessing! April will be our last month for donations. Here are our needs:

Step 1 – Baby Wipes Step 2 – Spray Cleaner Pre K – juice

Important Dates Coming Up:

April 9 **Pre K Dad 'n Me Night of Magic 7:00 p.m.**
April 23 **Step 2 Class Trip to Peace Valley Nature Center**
May 3-4 **Mother's Day Programs (A.M. 10:00, P.M. 1:30)**
May 15 **Step 1 Class Trip to DelVal Farm**
May 16 **Pre K Class Trip to Howell Living History Farm**
May 23 **Step 2 Moving Up Ceremony, Pre K Graduation**
May 24 **Step 1 Moving Up Ceremony**
May 25 **Last day of classes**
May 30, 31 June 1 **Come to the Circus Camp Week**
June 5, 6, 7 **Wild, Wild West Camp Week**



*Spring's greatest joy
Beyond a doubt is
When it brings the children out.*

Edgar Guest