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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Happy Spring to all! Flowers are beginning to bloom and trees are budding out. It's a beautiful time in the Northwest but the weather is quite unsettled so be sure to send warm clothes with your child even if the weather forecast calls for warm.

Just a reminder that our annual Mother's Day Luncheon will be Friday May 10th. We want to give you as much notice as possible so that you can try to arrange your busy schedules to be here.

With the summer rapidly approaching, we would really like to know of your child care plans moving forward, especially parents of Sharks and Dolphins. Please inform Andrea or Laurie at the front desk.

Once again, thank you for trusting us with your children. Happy Spring!

Andrea, Laurie and Scott



Better Behavior Through Loving Discipline

As your children grow up, it's natural for them to want to challenge you. At times it seems easier to just give in and let them have their way but all children need limits and parental guidance. Discipline works best with a balance of love, respect, clearly defined rules and understanding. Here are some important guidelines for effective discipline:

- * **Make the Rules Clear** so they know what to expect
- * **Be Consistent and Firm** so they learn consequences
- * **Give Positive Feedback** as often as possible



We are so proud of our Guppies! It has been fun getting to know our new group and developing a bond with them. They are all talking more and more each day! April will be all about Springtime, Easter, Rain, and Animals. Projects will include all kinds of weather related themes.

We are sad to say goodbye to Henry & Kiire who move up to the Starfish Room. They have brought warm smiles to our hearts. Please remember to check your child's cubby for a full set of extra clothes and if you'd like your child's hair put up, please bring hair-ties. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask. Thank you for letting us be an important part of your child's life,

Teachers Aleah, Hayley, Tonya & Lizzie

GUPPIES

FROM THE POOL



Swimming is going great! The goal in the next two months is to work with the kids on pool safety skills heading into the summer. This will include back floating, moving to the side if they fall in, and more. Please let me know if there is anything in particular you'd want your kiddo to work on. Thank you!

Teacher KJ



STARFISH

Look What's Happening: This month's themes will be the Zoo, Gardening, April Showers, Birds, and Trees.

Our focus will be on the letter C, circles, and the color yellow. We will also have the morning circle time, sharing with friends and, as always, Potty Training - which is going great!

Special Students: We are sad to say goodbye to Logan & Lydia who move to the Minnows, but would like to welcome Henry & Kiire from the Guppy Room!

Upcoming Events: Easter Party on Friday, April 19th and Mother's Day Party on May 10th. Sign ups for treats will be posted soon.

How Parents Can Help: Please make sure your child has a full set of extra clothes and reminder - no toys from home, unless on the calendar. Thank you

Teacher Kerry



MINNOWS

The Minnows are excited that Spring is here! We've been digging for bugs, especially worms. The kids have loved going back outside! Our April themes are Farmers, Rainbows, Gardening, Ladybugs, Butterflies & Nature. We'll be working on the letters V, W, & X, the number 9, the color purple and the shape of a diamond.

The Starfish and Minnows are also about to start our gardening projects out back. Be sure to ask your child how his/her plants are growing later in the month.

We will be very busy this month making bright and creative art! Please be sure to clean out your child's mailbox each day with all of these projects, and be sure to have extra clothes, especially a jacket! And remember, show and tell is every Friday only.

The Minnows are an amazing bunch and are super excited for April!

Teachers Mindy & Tatyana



GOLDFISH

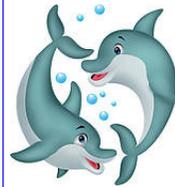
It's hard to believe it is April already, but Spring is in the air and the flowers are beginning to bloom! The Goldfish are really working hard on their letters and numbers. We love keeping the room decorated with fun projects.

April themes will be Gardening, Easter, Weather, Birds & Trees. Our focus will be on the letters V, W, X, & Y, the numbers 22 - 25, and sight words including the, love, & mom. We are almost done with our letters and will then work more on recognition, letter sounds and begin to introduce reading.

Be on the lookout for an Easter Party sign up sheet. Please check your child's cubby for extra clothes that are the correct size. It's still pretty cold, so have your child bring a jacket daily. Also, a small toy is acceptable on Fridays only for Show & Tell.

Thank you, and remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please talk to us anytime.

Teachers Kelly, Devin, & Brie



DOLPHINS

Welcome back from Spring Break! We will be having an East party on the 19th, so please be on the lookout for the signup sheet for treats. In the afternoons, we will be working on decorating for the party and other projects based on the spring weather.

Reminder that we go outside when it is chilly, so please have coats, especially when there is no public school. Be sure to check your weekly folder and take home all projects. Also, kids can bring a toy from home on Fridays.

Keep up the great work!

Teacher Amanda



SHARKS

Happy April to all! It's hard to believe Spring is finally here and it's nice to get outside more often. We had a lot of fun with the Sharks during Spring Break, especially with the nice weather. There are lots of projects planned this month around the themes: Birds, Bees, Butterflies, April Showers, and Creepy Crawlers. If your child needs to get dressed down for sports, please let the front desk know. Remember, Fridays (and non-school days) are the only days to bring toys and games and Please put your name on everything, including chargers. if you have any questions or concerns please bring them to our attention. Three more months until summer!

Teachers Mona & Kathryn