

APRIL NEWSLETTER FIRST GRADE

April showers bring May flowers - or should we say Atmospheric Rivers bring many, many, many flowers?? Whichever you prefer, I think we can all agree that we are blessed with so many beautiful flowers it almost makes dealing with our "weather challenges" worthwhile.

The activities during this month of April will enlighten our class as they learn about the many wonders of that which is alive and grows. In our Cultural Studies we have already studied "Life-as-we-know-it" when we have looked at different animal groups and how they live. This can be explained in many ways for the different groups, but the main message in each one is that "All living things want to live!" To that end, each animal family will do this in its own unique way.

But what about the other living things in our world which are not animals? Here we will now be looking to the Plant world! The beauty of all the plants, trees, and flowers in our environment gives us so much enjoyment each day, even when we are just looking out our windows. All of Plant life follows the rules of living things in a much similar way to the Animal world, but with one important exception. **Plants make their own food!!** And how does this happen? You might be wondering about this as you contemplate what happens when a tiny bit of nature is buried in the ground where it just sits. And sits. And sits. But be on the look-out for when your child brings home drawings and models that will explain what all this commotion is about! The children's certain excitement about this may indeed make the whole family want to go out to the garden and see just what wonders are going on!

Our calendar for the rest of April will include the following events:

April 3-7 - Spring Break

Monday, April 10th - Classes resume

Friday, April 14th - Sharing Day - "Collections"

Monday, April 24th - Friday, April 28th - Earth Week and "Bring a globe to school"

Free Dress on **Monday** if you wear blue, brown, and/or green

Friday, April 28th - Arbor Day - celebration of Trees!

Free Dress if you wear brown and/or green, or something with a tree on it

Sincerely,

Toni