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ECS (JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN / KINDERGARTEN)

April 2023

Theme of the month:

Air
and
water

Celebrate Spring's Arrival



Spring is beginning to unfold. Longer days, warmer weather and new growth help us feel the positivity, hope and rejuvenation. The following are ideas that don't take much time and will surely reconnect you with nature:

Head over to the nearest playground after dinner regardless of your children's ages.

Swing into the spring air, even if there is snow on the ground.

Let the Fresh Air In

After we've spent a winter hunkered down indoors with the heater on, the air inside our homes can get stale. On a nice early-spring morning, open up all of the windows in your house and let the fresh air flow in.

(Laura Gaskill. https://www.houzz.com)

Our theme for this month is Air and water (Environment and community awareness)

Learning is not limited to academic tasks and workbooks. Children are learning throughout their daily routines and interactions with their environments. Below are some suggestions to improve academic skills in everyday life.

Social Science:

Considering this month's theme, we will focus on instilling the love of the environment in our students. We will talk about the ways children can contribute to conserving their natural resources and especially the environment. For example, they can play their role in keeping the air clean by planting a tree this spring.



Jane Goodall's roots&Shoots 25

Students will learn about "**Jane Goodall,"** who wanted to love and protect the natural world from a young age. She started the project Roots & Shoots. This programme challenges young people and children to do projects to protect the earth. Roots and Shoots' central message is that every person matters- what you do and how you contribute to the world. Students will be encouraged to talk about environmental problems such as littering, pollution, too much plastic, cutting down trees, etc. They will be asked to offer their solutions to resolve these issues.

This strategy will help them to:

- recognize the need to care for materials, and use materials without wasting them.
- be aware of the importance of protecting the environment.

Students will become mindful that all living things need air and water to live. Clean and fresh air and water mean a healthy life. We all should strive to keep the air clean and adopt the measures to make it free of pollution. Same attempts should be made for the conservation of water. Only clean air and water can make our environment healthy and turns the Earth a better place to live in.

Various hands-on activities, videos, and songs will enhance students' understanding of the concept.



Numeracy: **Measurement** *(heavy and light, short and tall, capacity)*

Students will compare two objects by various attributes: Color, size, and shape. Students can hone their measuring skills by using real-life examples such as siblings working together on:



- Order objects according to length, area, and capacity
- How much dirt would be needed to fill the garden box (predict then measure)?
- How much drinking water does our family use each day (predict then measure)?

Literacy:

Digraphs in Jolly Phonics group 6 and 7 will be introduced to students. They will also repeat simple rhymes as they sing songs. Story illustration, Show and tell activities, and retelling familiar stories will be the gist for this month's Literacy subject.





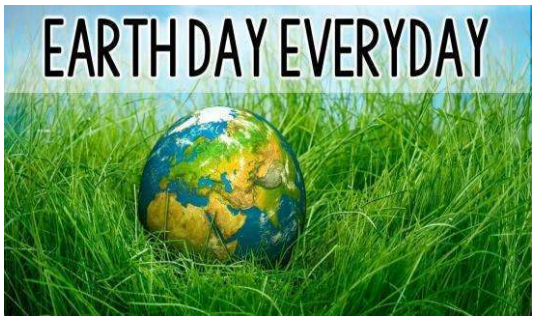
Students' literacy will improve noticeably by considering the following activities at home:

- Find reading opportunities in everyday life like labels on household items, recipes, directions for a craft or game, road and shops signboards etc.
- Have children read aloud to family members daily (a story book, news of the day, etc.).
- Older children could take turns reading and listening to their siblings; younger children may enjoy reading to the family pet.
- Engage in discussions where everyone in the family takes a turn to talk about what they have read.
- Storytelling is an excellent way for children to learn and develop skills.
- Children learn by listening to stories being told or read to them.
- Younger children could tell a story about what they did that day.
- Families can build stories together by everyone taking turns adding to the story.



Science:

In reference to this month's theme of air and water, it is a natural time to talk about the components of environment and how to care for the environment of the world we are living in.



Students will learn about the importance of maintaining clean air and water. Causes and simple ways of preventing pollution will be presented through visuals.

Protect the environment by reducing waste, recycling, and reusing.
Students will be watching the movie, "*The Lorax*", to understand the importance of keeping the air clean. Moreover, they will display their understanding through role plays and illustrations.

Additionally, here are a few simple activities that you can do with your child at home for a better understanding of the properties of air and water:

Water: https://earlylearningideas.com/water-experiments-for-preschoolers/

Air: https://www.preschools4all.com/easy-science-experiments.html

Science Fair: Students are invited to do any age-appropriate science projects. They will demonstrate these in front of their peers on April 26, 2023 (Wednesday). Here are some websites for reference:
https://www.education.com/science-fair/kindergarten/
https://www.weareteachers.com/kindergarten-science-activities/
https://babbledabbledo.com/50-of-the-best-chemistry-projects-that-will-amaze-kids/
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc_-hyou9-oKlNdMKHBudcQ

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March Highlights: Saint Patrick's day, Spring Fest, Parent teacher meetings














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Save the dates!!

Pinetown ,West winds NE Campuses	*Airdrie Campus*
Non Instructional Day Monday April 10 ***Earth Day celebration Monday, April 23, 2023: Students can wear the colours of the Earth (Blue /Green)*** ***Science Fair Wednesday, April 26, 2023***	***Spring Break April 6- 17, 2023*** ***Earth Day celebration Monday, April 23 , 2023: Students can wear the colours of the Earth (Blue /Green)*** ***Science Fair Wednesday, April 26, 2023***

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