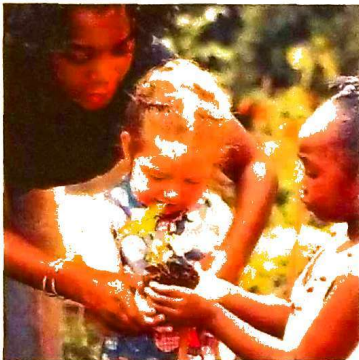




Monthly Parent Report

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Springtime is the Ideal Climate for Outdoor Learning



Springtime provides an ideal climate for learning outdoors. A nature walk or a picnic provide excellent opportunities for discovery, observation and discussion. Here are some suggestions for using a stroll outdoors as a vehicle for expanding vocabulary, practicing listening and memory skills and pointing out basic concepts:

- Devote a portion of your walk to "listening." Talk about what you hear (birds singing, leaves rustling, water running). See if you can locate where the sounds are coming from.
- Explore the textures and smells you find along the way. Touch the rough bark, the smooth leaves, the soft moss and hard rocks. Smell the sweet flowers and the dusty road.
- Compare the trees, animals, flowers and rocks you observe as same or different in color, shape, and size.
- Use such descriptive words as above, below, between, under, next to, inside, small, medium and large in making reference to the things you discover.
- Look for tracks and "houses" of animals. Talk about where the animals live, what they eat and how they stay warm.
- Discuss the "best parts" of your trip when you get home. It's not only satisfying to recall fun events together, but such reminiscing is also good practice for your child's memory skills.

Adapted from Preschool Education article "Spring"

Parent Reminders

- Mother's Day: May 12
- Spring & Graduate Photos, May 15-16
- End-of-Year Class Trip: Asheboro Zoo, May 17
- Memorial Day: May 27 SRA will be CLOSED
- Graduation Day: June 5

Community Events

- May 3-4: Jiggy with the Piggy, Downtown Kannapolis
- May 4: Paws, Claws, & Scales Day, Dan Nicholas Park, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- May 11: National Train Day, 10-12, Village Park, Kannapolis
- May 18: Stories Under the Stars: Fish Magish, Kannapolis Library, 7-8 p.m.
- May 18: National Train Day/Train Show, NC Transportation Museum, Spencer, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- May 24: Movies in the Park: Incredibles 2, Village Park, 8:30 p.m.
- May 27: Memorial Day Parade, Veterans Park, Kannapolis, 11:30 a.m.

Chad Safrit(staff)- May 4
Jozlyn Yamot- May 6
Maven Edwards- May 9
McGuire Moore- May 18
Cole Mace- May 24
Ava Webb- May 27



Pete's Post

Pete the Cat found our bag of winter clothes, pulling out a nice fluffy coat to lay on. He can be quite resourceful!

