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QSI ECC *4 Year Old Team Newsletter*



Hello, Parents!

The children have made big steps of growth in every way and it has become so much fun to teach them. Language skills have blossomed and the conversations that we can now have at circle time and throughout the day are so special, especially for children to whom English is a second language.

Third Quintile was over last week and this week we started a new unit of study.

Events

Fantastic Friday
(March 18)

**Celebrating
Dr. Seuss's
birthday.**

Jolly Phonics

We are reviewing all the sounds of the letters.
The children are starting to read simple words.

We also started the "Blending Sounds Workbook" in which the children can enjoy reading a word each day. Please take time to work with your child with their "homework" at home.

Language Art

On the Farm is our new theme. The children will name different kinds of farm animals and the sounds they make. They will also learn songs and rhymes about the farm and farm animals. They will listen to the story of the "The Little Red Hen", a folktale that is about a hen that grows wheat and uses it to make a cake. The children will also taste the food that we get from the different farm animals like cheese, eggs, ham and others.

Reminders:

Always send back to school your child's message book, reading log envelopes and blending sounds notebook.

Parent /Teacher Conferences

*Please call or drop by the ECC office to set up a time for your conference.

March 23

The conferences will start at 1:30 PM. till 8:30 PM.

March 24

The conferences will start at 8:30 AM till 8:30pm.

Mathematics

Explore Weight.

The children will make direct comparisons of objects based on weight. They will also use estimation words such as *more* or *less* to describe quantity and measurement words such as *heavier* or *lighter* to describe objects. We will also read and act out the story of the enormous turnip, which is heavy because of its large size.

Science

Matter Changes

They will investigate solids and liquids to find out how they can change. We will also read the big book, *Peanut Butter and Jelly*. This book is about how things change. Peanuts became peanut butter, grapes to grape jelly and wheat to bread.

Fine Motor

Dressing Me

The children will practice lacing, tying shoes and pulling on boots. They will also demonstrate how to put on a coat and manipulate buttons and zippers.

Gross Motor

Rhythmic Movement

The children will demonstrate clapping and foot stomping to music.

Ms. Alma Ms. Carmen Ms. Ellen Ms. Mirka Ms. Sarita

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