

\*The Kindergarten News\*  
For April 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 and April 23<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Theme-** Birds/Earth Day

**Expressive Vocabulary-**

**indignant**- filled with anger about something unfair, wrong or bad

**junction**- a place where things meet or cross

**kaleidoscope**- A constantly changing set of colors

**leadership**- the position or office of a leader

**Fable**-The Birds, the Beasts and the Bat

**Review**- Letters: Ii, Jj, Kk, and Ll, subtraction, telling time, money, measurement

**Spelling test words- April 20th- nap, lap, map, cap, tap**

**April 27th- get, let, bet, set, pet**

**Author Study-** Nancy Carlson

**Language Arts**: The boys and girls will learn about contractions this week. We will be looking for contractions in our guided reading books and we will be listening for contractions during our read aloud stories. We will be working on letter blends and we will complete activity pages that will encourage students to sound out letter blends to create different words. We will keep strengthening our reading skills by reviewing our sight words daily. The boys and girls are doing a great job on our weekly spelling tests! Keep up the good work!!

**Math**: In our math workbooks students will learn how to make a bar graph and we will also practice ordinal numbers. Also, the boys and girls will review our previously learned math concepts.

**Science**: Spring is in the air!! Birds are everywhere!! This week we will explore the wonderful world of birds and learn many different types of birds. Some birds that will be covered are the robin, cardinal, blue jay, and hummingbird, just to name a few. We will also be completing a series of papers that will give information about each bird and a picture of the bird that the students will be able to color. We will spend time looking at how birds hatch and we will learn the body structure of birds. Also we will look at bird feathers and we will learn that feathers keep birds warm.

**Social Studies**: We will spend the next few weeks celebrating our earth and learning how to take care of the planet in which we live. This year, Earth Day is Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The students will get a better understanding about how Earth Day was started and why it is important for children and adults around the world to help our environment. One way the boys and girls will

learn how to help take care of the earth is by learning how to reduce, reuse and recycle items we use in everyday living.

**Art:** Fun Spring crafts will keep us busy over the next few weeks!

**Notes to parents:**

April 23.....Spring and graduation picture day for the kindergarten class.

April 25.....Parent’s Night@ 6:15 p.m. in the kindergarten room

May 7-11.....Parents- We will be completing our Metropolitan School Readiness Tests this spring. This test is used in conjunction with daily observation by the teacher to assess how well prepared your child is for first grade. It is important that your child is here at school the entire week of testing and **on time. The testing dates are the week of May7-11.**

May 19.....Spring program and graduation will be held on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Prairie Junior High. Please arrive 15 min early

June 1.....Last day of school!