

It is better to ask some of the questions than to know all of the answers.

- James Thurber

**\* The Kindergarten News \***  
**for the week of 4 / 19 / 21**

- Theme – Earth Week / Birds
- Introduce – Telling time to three-quarters past the hour / S blends / Sight Words – from, dig, loud & zoo
- Expressive Vocabulary – **gullible** – *believing or trusting in almost anything, easily fooled*  
**indignant** – *filled with anger about something unfair; wrong, or bad*
- Bits of Intelligence – Insects
- Fable – The Hare and The Tortoise

**Language Arts**

Our work with blends broadens this week to include the S blends – sc, sk, sl, sm, sn, sp, sq, st and sw. We will also continue to review our contractions while our study of the long vowels will progress to words that contain a long i sound. This will once again provide us with the opportunity to discuss the rule about silent e! A new unit on birds will begin this week as well. The boys and girls will learn that birds hatch from eggs, are the only animals that have feathers and that while all birds have wings, this doesn't necessarily mean that all birds can fly. Our theme table will become host to a number of common backyard birds and perhaps even a real bird's nest!

**Math & Science**

To celebrate Earth Week this week, the children will learn about the various ways we can care for and protect our environment. We will learn about the three “R’s” of ecology, otherwise known as reduce, reuse and recycle. Our work with telling time expands to telling time to three-quarters past the hour. We will discover that when the minute (big) hand points to the nine, we say forty-five. This is because when we count the minutes from the twelve to the nine, we find that there are forty-five of them.

We will continue to hone our measuring skills by using our rulers to measure a variety of school supplies that we use each day as well as practice our addition and subtraction. This week we will learn to identify fact families for sums and minuends of 10. Lastly, I am pleased to announce that we had an exciting addition to our kindergarten room last week – five creeping, crawling caterpillars! The students have been enjoying observing them feed and move and are eagerly waiting for them to form their chrysalides. Then, approximately seven to ten days later, they should emerge as beautiful Painted Lady butterflies. What an exciting way to wrap up our unit on insects!

**Important Dates**

April 22 ..... Happy Earth Day / wear green and blue  
April 23 ..... Happy Birthday Ava Leclercq  
April 23 ..... Art Day / Birds in a Nest craft  
May 3 ..... Kindergarten Graduation pictures / more info to follow  
May 17 – May 21 ..... First Grade Readiness Testing of all students  
(it is imperative students attend this week of school and arrive by 9:00 am)

*Congratulations to Naomi Houessou and her family on the birth of her new baby brother -  
We can't wait to welcome you as a Noonan's student!*