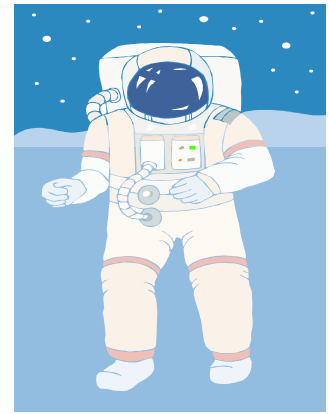


Kindergarten Newsletter April 2005



Dear Parents,

I hope that all have had a great and relaxing break! During the month of April we will be studying space. We will look at rockets, the stars, the sun, the moon and other exciting things found in the "great beyond". We will use stars to reinforce our understanding of numbers and counting. We may even make and set off our own little Alka- Seltzer rockets. We will also use our imaginations to come up with a make believe play area that is out of this world. If you have creative juices that you would like to share in this area let me know.

The Pet and Letterland units were a great success and a lot of fun. Special thank you to Nicola Williams and Johanne Karam for all of the effort they put into the "Pet and Vet Centre", it was an enormous hit and brought many smiles. Even Ms. Alison's dog made a trip to the vet!

I am absolutely thrilled to see the progress your children are making in developing their reading skills. The daily practice they are receiving at home has given them a real boost. Thank you so much for the time and effort you are putting in to this. This month we will continue to review the sounds and common blends. We will work at putting these blends together to form words that we recognize. The children will be introduced to the format of a sentence (Capital letters, spaces between words and full stops). I will also continue to write out what the children communicate in stories, and in describing the things they draw and create.

In maths we will continue to reinforce counting 1-20, recognizing numbers 1-20, and we will also begin to talk about adding one more, and taking away one more. Maths is always a fun subject to teach and to learn. The children will have opportunity to get their hands involved, their creativity involved, and their pencils involved.

There are no birthdays this month, but we wait in eager anticipation for the month of May in which we will celebrate many.

Please remember that you can approach me after school if you have any questions, concerns or ideas about your child, or the classroom.

****Special note about uniforms**** your child should wear school uniform daily (including shoes with heel straps). We have had a few accidents in the playgrounds with children slipping while running. Appropriate footwear is a must! On the last Friday of every month we have a dress down day, where your child can choose their own outfit to wear to school.

This promises to be an excellent month!

Miss L. Hewko

