

Weekly wrap-up



April 2, 2021

A Message From Kathy:

Earth Day is Thursday, April 22nd. Celebrating Earth Day serves as a reminder of how fragile our planet is and the importance of our role in protecting it. Creating awareness around this day and encouraging kids to act on behalf of our planet empowers them to make a difference.

There are so many things you can do to celebrate the Earth and teach children the importance of doing so. Our neighborhood and surrounding area serve as outdoor classrooms to take action in and do our part for the environment. The following are some family ideas to promote awareness and have FUN making a difference on Earth Day 2021.

- Take a family walk with a trash bag and be an Earth Day Superhero (you can even have your little dress as a superhero by creating a cape, mask and special trash bag) and do good in your hood to stamp out litter. On your walk, stop at the storm drains and note the importance of picking up litter and debris. As kids learned in Finding Nemo, "All drains lead to the ocean."
- Encourage young environmentalists to recycle and reuse. Have a family activity where egg containers are repurposed for lego sorting, shoe boxes become treasure chests, vitamin containers become pencil holders... the sky is the limit on this one. (In preparation start saving recyclable objects at the beginning of the month.) An added bonus of this activity, collecting materials will continue to stock your personal Think, Design, Build center.
- Get those gardens started! Raised gardens beds kits and containers make gardening manageable and are easily maintained by children. The fun of this project is that it keeps "growing". Start a garden journal that notes daily growth (which teaches children the responsibility of maintaining their garden), introduce composting, discuss the life cycle of plants and anticipate the harvest.
- Take a night hike; pointing out stars, the moon and listen to the sound after dark and note how different it is then during the day. Accessorize your walk with kids flashlights or headlamps always a favorite on this adventure.
- Plan a special Earth Day dinner. Shop as a family and buy fresh ingredients that promotes sustainability and represents farm-to-table harvesting.
- Gather friends at the beach for a beach clean-up and sandcastle contest.
- Read the book, 10 Things I Can Do To Help My World by Melanie Walsh. Kids love this easy to read, call-to-action book.

Happy Earth Day 2021!

Blessings,

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April Fools Day at the Academy

"Make me Laugh" Thursday falling on April Fools Day could not have been timed better for the Academy. A coordinated morning assembly prank caught me by surprise, tales of at home pranks were shared, 1st grade searched high and low for rumored brown "E"s, "Make me Laugh" Thursday jokes were flying around all day providing the perfect amount of silly!

My favorite new joke...
What do you call a pig who likes karate?
Answer: a pork chop!



The Incredible Egg

Egg-cellent, Egg-citing adventures have been happening all week culminating with an egg drop science experiment for the 1st graders.

Our curious scientists used our **Think, Design, Build** center to create their egg drop containers. Additionally, they learned about the strength of eggs and the power of the incredible, edible egg as a super food for our health.



Mark Your Calendars:

- April 6th, 5-7pm: Open House @ Activ8
- April 9th, 11am-1pm - Sip Shop & Learn @ Shop Common Thread
- April 12-16th: Spring Break- **No School**
- May 31st: Memorial Day- **No School**
- June 4th: End of year conferences
- June 11th: Last Day of School

You Won't Want To Miss It...

Open House at Activ8 Learning Center

Tuesday, April 6th, 5:00-7:00pm
1000 Bristol Street N, Suite 18, NB 92660

Sip, Shop and Learn at Shop Common Thread

Friday, April 9th, 11:00am-1:00pm
369 E 17th St., #20, CM, 92627