



April 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy Spring! The children are doing a great job recognizing their addresses! On **Monday, April 3**, the children will begin recognizing their phone numbers using the number you wrote on the sheet.

ECNS will be hosting an Usborne Book Fair **April 3-5** with an evening book fair on **Thursday, April 6** upstairs in Room 101.

On **Monday, April 10** and **Wednesday, April 12** students will share what they have placed in their plastic egg. Information about this will be sent home soon.

Just a reminder that school now will be in session on **Wednesday, April 12**. ECNS will be on Easter break **April 13-April 17**. We return on **Wednesday, April 19**.

ECNS will be participating in NAEYC's Week of the Young Child **April 24-28**. We will participate in activities in class based on the theme for the day. On Music Monday, Molly Holden will sing songs with us. On Family Friday, please send in a picture of your family and/or pets for your child to show the class. You can find activities and ideas that you can do at home on their website, <http://www.naeyc.org/woyc/activity-resources>

We will be going on two class field trips. On **Wednesday, April 26**, we will take a bus to visit Brubaker's Farm in Mount Joy. See next page for more information. On **Monday, May 15**, we will walk to the Fun Fort for a morning of outdoor play and a picnic. Information about these field trips and volunteer signups will be sent home as we get closer to the dates.

Mark your calendars! **Our Spring Program will be Wednesday, May 3, 6:00-7:00pm.** We will begin promptly at 6:00pm in our classroom. We apologize in advance for the crowdedness; however, the children perform best in their familiar surroundings. Please keep in mind there will be limited seating. A formal invitation will be coming home in the near future. We hope that you can all join us for an evening of singing and a snack!

Other important dates: **Thursday, May 4 is the Ice Cream Social 6:00-7:00pm**

**Wednesday, May 17 is our Last Day of School**

**Monday, May 29 ECNS will be marching in the E-town Memorial Parade**

**Thursday, June 1 is ECNS Day at Willowood Swim Club**

More information about these activities will be sent home.



Our themes for April are:

Apr. 3 & 5: **Weather**-We will learn what clouds are made of and the different types of clouds. We will learn about how rain happens and what makes a rainbow. We will create a tornado in a bottle.

Apr. 7 & 10: **Chickens Aren't the Only Ones**-We will learn about the life cycle of a chick and other animals that hatch from eggs. On **Friday, April 7** we will be visited by Charlie the Therapy Pig. On **Monday, April 10** the first group of students will be sharing What's in Their Egg.

Apr. 12: **Easter**-We will be coloring eggs and participating in Easter activities. The second group of students will be sharing What's in Their Egg.

Apr. 14 & 17: **No School**

Apr. 19: **Above & Below the Ground**-We will discuss animals and foods that live and grow above and below the ground. We will participate in activities created by the PA "One Book, Every Young Child" program from the Lancaster County Libraries for the book, Up, Down, and Around.

Apr. 21 & 24: **Farm**-We will be talking about what life is like on a farm. On **Monday, April 24** Molly Holden, an ECNS parent, will come in and sing songs with us for NAEYC's Week of the Young Child "Music Monday."

Apr. 26: **Field Trip to Brubaker Farm**-Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately, **no sandals or flip flops**, and that they arrive on time to school because the bus will leave shortly after we arrive. **Please send a jacket with your child as it gets chilly on the wagon ride**. Also, please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before school. **We will go rain or shine**.

Apr. 28: **Families/Pets**-We will share about our families and pets. Please have your child bring in a picture of your family and/or pets to show the class.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Jennifer Schramm & Ms. Cindy Myers

## April Activities You Can Do With Your Child

\*Explore items in your house. Which ones are hard? Soft? Heavy? Light?

\*Play "Guess that Taste" game. Put different food on different plates (peanut butter, cheese, pretzel). Cover your child's eyes. Help him/her select a food to taste and ask, "Which food do you think it is?"

\*Dance to different types of music with your child. Talk about the music, "is it fast or slow, soft or loud, high or low? How does it make you feel?"

\*Sit on the steps outside your home. Close your eyes and listen. What sounds do you hear? Talk about the sounds and what they represent?

\*How much did it rain? Leave a container or cup outside to measure the rainfall. Show your child how to use a ruler to see how much it rained.

\*Recite nursery rhymes together. Leave out the final rhyming word and encourage your child to fill in the blank. "Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall...Humpty Dumpty had a great \_\_\_\_\_ (fall)".

\*Find an object around the house and ask your child to think of words that rhyme or sound the same. Nonsense words are acceptable too.

