



I trust you all had a safe and relaxing Spring Break! This month we will be looking at the animals that live on farms and the many changes that occur on a farm in the spring. Using farm literature, we will be reinforcing and expanding our literacy and numeracy knowledge.

This month in Bible, we will explore the Easter story. We will learn about how much God loves us and the triumph of the resurrection.

Important Reminders

Here are a few reminders about things you can do to help us in kindergarten.

- Please empty your child's file folder daily!
- In kindergarten, we do not celebrate birthdays with a birthday snack. That is something special they may do in Grade One.
- Please label your child's splash pants, boots, etc. Many are often the same size and color and difficult to tell apart.
- Each week, please return **both** library books in your child's library bag. If your child's library bag has gone missing, they are the extra-large Ziplocs bags. The large Ziploc bags are not big enough for many of the library books.
- Send a spoon/fork in your child's lunch (if needed). We do have some in the classroom but do not have an endless supply. In Grade One, utensils will not be provided for you child.

A Backward Glance

In March:

- We visited the John Walter Museum and enjoyed homemade scones and butter. We made candles, built log houses, and played with old fashioned toys. The students really enjoyed the scones, so I have included the recipe for you at the end of the newsletter.
- There was lots of fun and laughter at our Father/Child Night. I am not sure who was more tired at the end of the night - the kids or the Dads!
- It was fun to see all the patterns on everyone's clothes at our pattern party. We read stories about patterns, made pattern headbands and bracelets.
- We enjoyed celebrating St. Patrick's Day and seeing everyone dressed in green.

A Sneek Peek

Wednesday, April 2nd is early dismissal meaning school will end at 2:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9th is Chip Day. If you did not order pre-order chips (for the whole year) and your child would like to order some, please be sure to send \$1.00 in a labeled envelope/baggie in your child's file folder.

Wednesday, April 23rd is Hot Lunch. If you would like to order, make sure you order before midnight on Friday, April 18th.

On **Wednesday, April 30th** the kindergarten students are invited to dress up in their best western gear for our **Kindergarten Western**

Day. We'll be 'wrangling up' some fun learning.

Kindergarten Grandparent's Day

Grandparent's Day is only a month away, Wednesday, May 14th! Make sure to let your child's grandparents know so they can save the date. More information will be sent home soon.

Gym (Tumbling)

In the month of April, students will be doing tumbling in gym. It is important that they wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

KA class has gym on Wednesdays.

Students are asked to wear comfortable clothing, not jeans (or pants with belt loops) or similar type pants as they are very painful when doing rolls, using equipment and balances. It is suggested that they wear athletic pants (something stretchy), shorts, or legging-type clothing. Longer t-shirts need to be worn so that the shirt can be tucked in as they are doing some upside-down activities.

They have a choice of footwear: 1. bare feet, 2. 'dance' type slippers/socks that have a grip sole. Absolutely no sock-feet as this is a big safety concern. Socks slip and slide and are not safe when doing tumbling activities.

Long hair needs to be tied back. (Low on the head is best as higher ponytails make forward rolls uncomfortable on the head.) Necklaces, bracelets etc. should not be worn for gymnastics as it could get caught on something and break or possibly cause injury to the child.

Thank you for your attention to these items.

Mr. Fung

Memory Verse

The Memory Verse for this month is:

He refreshes my soul. He guides me along
the right paths For his name sake. Even
though I walk through the darkest valley, I
will fear no evil, for you are with me; your
rod and your staff, they comfort me

Psalm 23:3-4

Dressing for Kindergarten

With spring, comes mud & puddles. What child can resist these? Please **continue to send splash pants**, for your child to wear at recess. Even though we are so eager for warm weather, **always send a hat and mitts along**. Our playground always seems to be a few degrees cooler and is often very windy. If your child does not already have an **extra set of clothes in their backpack**, please send one each day as they often need to change their socks and pants after recess, this time of year.

Did You Know?

Statistics show that a child's ability to rhyme is related to success in beginning reading. That's because good rhymers are better equipped to notice that rhyming words often have shared letter sequences, such as *-all* in *tall*, *ball*, and *small*, which in turn gives them an advantage when learning to read new words.

Most children enjoy hearing and participating in rhyming activities and when they are exposed to rhyming, they usually pick it up naturally. Here are some things you can do to encourage rhyming at home:

- When reading books, point out the rhyming words. Any book by Dr. Seuss is great for this.
- Play a guessing game. Say, "This word rhymes with red and it is where you sleep. It's a _____." Make them easy and predictable so your child is successful!
- When driving, look for objects and invent words that rhyme. Nonsense words can be easy and fun! For example, "What rhymes with stop? Rop, dop, bop..."

John Walter Museum Griddle Scones

2 cups flour

1 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoons baking soda

1 cup milk or buttermilk

3½ tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons brown sugar

Preheat frying pan on stove. Mix together the flour, salt, baking powder and baking soda. Add butter and rub into dry mixture with fingers until there are no lumps remaining. Add sugar and mix well. Add milk and mix well.

If dough is too sticky to work with, add more flour. Shape dough into balls and flatten. Pierce the tops with a fork to allow steam to cook the centre. Lightly grease the frying pan and place scones in them to cook. When bottom side is browned, flip and let cook until scone is hard to the touch and brown on both sides.

Important Dates in April

Wednesday, April 2nd

Early Dismissal

Wednesday, April 9th

Chip Day

Wednesday, April 23rd

Hot Lunch

Wednesday, April 30th

Western Day

Wednesday, May 14th

Kindergarten Grandparent's Day

If you have any questions or concerns, I would be happy to hear from you! Please feel free to call me any time at the school (780-449-2787) or you can e-mail me at

Julie.Halbersma@eips.ca

Yours in Christ,

Julie Halbersma