

Special points of interest:

- SPIRIT DAYS (see page 4 for ALL days)
- Spring Fling Family Fun Day April 20 at 4:30 p.m.
- Book Fair April 23-27
- Box Tops due Apr 30

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Camp Little Cloud and Camp Pee Wee

Who is ready for some summer fun? Did you know that LeafSpring School has its own nursery and preschool summer camp programs? We are excited to be planning our third summer of Camp Little Cloud and Camp Pee Wee. Camp Little Cloud consists of our Infants through Yellow Room students and Camp Pee Wee consists of our Green through Gold Room students. There is a different activity or event each day to

keep our campers busy. Summer camp information packets will be emailed to all enrolled families the first week of May. Here's what you can look forward to:

- Camp Challenge Mondays
- Weekly field trips (Camp Pee Wee)
- Mindful Movement Tuesdays
- Adventure Clubs
- Water Play Wednesdays
- Magician, Rob Westcott
- Color Me Mine

- Virginia Aquarium
 - JB Rattles
 - Mad Science
 - School-wide picnic
 - Spirit Day Fridays
 - Patriotic Parade
 - Fun Bus
 - Scavenger Hunts
 - School-Wide Carnival Day
- and so much more! The first day of camp begins June 18th, don't miss out on all the fun!



Notes from Mrs. Joyce

Happy Spring, LeafSpring Families!

Preschool families, please remember to turn in your summer and fall intent forms to Justin by April 6th. This month we have some big events planned

towards the end of the month: Box Top collection competition, Week of the Young Child (WOYC; see page 4), and the Scholastic Book Fair. You can also make orders online if you want to send that link to

grandparents ;)

I hope you all have a nice Easter and I, too, am patiently waiting for Spring to arrive!

Mrs. Joyce

Yellow Room Curriculum Highlight from March: DINOSAURS



Yellow Room used the theme of "Dinosaurs" to teach science, math, and art. They read [Dig Those Dinosaurs](#) by Lori Houran. To foster language development and science awareness they discussed dinosaur fossils and ways scientists cleaned fossils. For sensory development, sand was in the sensory table with various sized



dinosaurs and toothbrushes were used to clean off the fossils. They worked together through problem solving in the best way to remove all sand. For art the children created their own dinosaur fossil. The children were given a small amount of dough. With very little help, each child flattened the dough either with use of their hands or from tools. Later, they took a miniature dinosaur and made an imprint in the dough. After the dough was dry each child painted the fossil with their color of

choice. For STEM on the following day, Yellow Room created individual volcanoes. To build connection with home the children were able to take their volcanoes home and recreate the eruptions with their families.

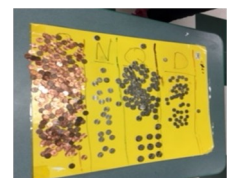


Green Room INSPIRED Project

The INSPIRED theme for March was "Financial" and understanding how we can help people that are not as fortunate as we are. Pennies for Peace was started by students and continues to be supported by students, teachers and parents. In Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Tajikistan, a few pennies can buy a pencil and open the door to literacy; \$1 can buy

their uniforms; \$4 can give them an education for a full year. Our goal was \$50. We asked the children to do small jobs and earn money to donate. Dennis was the first to get into helping Daddy around the house and donating his money towards our friends. Shortly after, each of the children became excited to do small jobs and start collecting the money. It

was a great way for the children to learn about different types of money. On Fridays, we poured the money out and asked the children to match the coins to the correct letter, P-penny, N-nickel, Q-quarter and D-dimes. The children did an awesome job and raised **\$100!**



Caring for Pets Teaches Responsibility

(Brought to you by the VBCPS Parent Connection)

Pets are fun, but caring for them is serious business. As children feed, groom and exercise a pet every day, they learn responsibility and self-discipline, along with how to respect and take care of an animal they love.

If you are thinking of getting a pet, involve your child in choosing the best one for your family. Will the pet be suited for your home? Your budget? Will your child have the skills and enough time to take care of this kind of pet?

Make a contract with your child. Specify what she will

do for the pet, as well as what the consequences will be if she doesn't do it. Then have her sign it. Let her know that her consistent efforts will keep your pet happy and thriving.



A New LeafSpring Friend

In February, Club 5 lost a true and loyal pet, Quillie Nelson, the guinea pig. They all decided to get a new pet. They voted on what to get and in the end the conclusion was a bearded dragon! They (in groups) baked the cupcakes and made the lemonade. Some of you bought and donated money—thank you! All of

the money came together to buy the lovely bearded dragon all of you can see.

Everyone could not wait to meet the bearded dragon especially after Mr. Paul told them it is a girl! They all raced up the stairs just to see her. Some didn't see her because she is so tiny.

The next mystery is, "What

will her name be?" Will it be Godzilla ("Zilla"), Ash, Lizzy, or Beedee? Well, whichever name wins, Club 5 will be happy to care for, tend to, and love her!

Written by:

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Club 5 Student



Front Desk News from Mr. Justin

Happy April!

I hope everyone had a fun and safe St. Patrick's Day and no one got pinched. I do not know about you all but I am happy that it is finally spring! Before you know it, it will be summer and we are working hard to get everything ready for summer camp.

Camp Blue Sky Expo night

was a success, I hope you all got the information that you needed about camp. There are several things planned for summer on both the Village and Preschool side. I am looking forward to summer since it will be my first one here with LeafSpring School!

If you have any questions

or need me for anything, do not hesitate to email me or stop by the front desk!

Have a wonderful April!

Mr. Justin

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Week of the Young Child

April 16-20, 2018

Music Monday! *SPIRIT DAY: Crazy Socks*
We will have Mrs. Athena and Mr. Justin leading the groups in music and movement.

Tasty Tuesday! *SPIRIT DAY: Career Day/When I Grow Up...*
We will bake and cook special treats as a class.

Work Together Wednesday! *SPIRIT DAY: Wacky Wednesday*
We will have a "building" challenge for each class.

Artsy Thursday! *SPIRIT DAY: Favorite Color*
Each class will create a masterpiece together.

Family Friday! *SPIRIT DAY: Fun Hair Friday*
Join us for our Spring Fling Family Fun Day Friday! You will be able to enjoy playground games and activities with your child on the large field out back!
Wear active wear and sneakers!
(Children may only participate with a parent/adult present)

Important Dates to Remember

We will be closed:
May 28 Memorial Day
July 4 Independence Day
August 30-31 Teacher Workdays
September 3 Labor Day
November 22 Thanksgiving Day
November 23 Thanksgiving
December 24 Christmas Eve
December 25 Christmas Day

We will close early:
December 31 *Closing at 4 pm*

This Month's Celebrations

Children's Birthdays:
01 Owen 3 28 Aeva 8
03 Ashlynn 2 29 Zoey 5
04 Hillary 9 30 Julia 5
 Daisy 3 Riley 2
 Vaughn 3
06 Victoria 10
 Abigail 3
 Dominic 1
08 Niamh 9
 Waylon 3
09 Tinsley 5
13 Cody 3
17 Ella 6
 Briannah 5
22 Aiden 8
23 Eliska 8
24 Trip 10
 Brady 3

Staff Birthdays:
01 Mrs. Andrea
09 Mrs. Amanda

Staff Anniversaries:
01 Mrs. Hazel,
 Mr. Paul, Mr. Rob
 11 years!!!
02 Ms. Patty
 8 years!!!
13 Mrs. Melissa
 2 years!!!

April 2018 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2</p> <p>Bananas</p> <p>Mac & Cheese Broccoli Applesauce</p> <p>Graham Crackers</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Cheerios</p> <p>Cheesy Chicken & Rice Peas & Carrots Bananas</p> <p>Animal Crackers</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Corn Flakes</p> <p>Chicken Alfredo Salad Pineapples</p> <p>String Cheese</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Roll w/ Butter</p> <p>Ravioli Corn Mandarin Oranges</p> <p>Trail Mix</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Rice Krispies</p> <p>Hot Dogs on a Bun Cole Slaw Applesauce</p> <p>Oatmeal Cookies</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Bananas</p> <p>Pasta Veggie Bake Corn Mandarin Oranges</p> <p>Animal Crackers</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Roll w/ Butter</p> <p>Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Salad Fruit Cocktail</p> <p>Goldfish</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Crackers, Cheese Water</p> <p>BBQ Meatballs, Roll Mashed Potatoes Bananas</p> <p>Oatmeal Cookies</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Cheerios Cereal</p> <p>Sheppard's Pie Broccoli Pineapples</p> <p>Trail Mix</p>	<p>13</p> <p>String Cheese</p> <p>Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Salad Applesauce</p> <p>Cheez-its</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Bananas</p> <p>Baked Ziti Green Beans Mandarin Oranges</p> <p>Vanilla Wafers</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Cheerios</p> <p>Beef Stroganoff Broccoli Pineapples</p> <p>Graham Crackers</p>	<p>18</p> <p>String Cheese</p> <p>Ravioli Salad Applesauce</p> <p>Animal Crackers</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Cheese, Crackers Water</p> <p>Sloppy Joe Corn Fruit Cocktail</p> <p>Oatmeal Cookies</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Roll w/ Butter</p> <p>Hot Dogs on a bun Salad Bananas</p> <p>Trail Mix</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Bananas</p> <p>Cheese Lasagna Salad Fruit Cocktail</p> <p>String Cheese</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Corn Flakes Cereal</p> <p>Hot Dog Casserole Broccoli Pineapples</p> <p>Animal Crackers</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Cheese, Crackers Water</p> <p>Meatball Marinara w/ Roll, Cole Slaw Applesauce</p> <p>Oatmeal Cookies</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Roll w/ Butter</p> <p>Cheesy Chicken & Rice, Corn Mandarin Oranges</p> <p>Graham Crackers</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Cheese, Crackers Water</p> <p>Ham & Cheese Sand- wich, Salad Bananas</p> <p>Trail Mix</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Bananas</p> <p>Veggie Fried Rice Broccoli Pineapples</p> <p>Animal Crackers</p>				<p>*Milk served with all meals unless otherwise noted*</p>