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NEWS FROM The NEST

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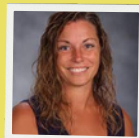
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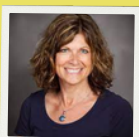
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Welcome back from a short break from our publication.

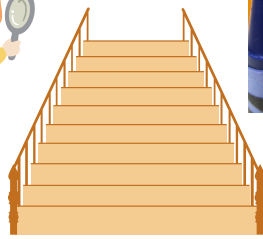
Spring Break is on the horizon! It is my hope that you take the time to recharge yourselves, reconnect with family, and do anything else that 'fills your bucket.'

A break from school does not mean a break from learning. The learning just looks different. The focus is different. Breaks are a prime opportunity to be able to foster engagement in an individual way for your child/children.



MOTOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Below each icon has an activity that can help develop motor skills in a fun and unique way. There are many resources out there to keep breaks from school novel and engaging while developing motor skills.



SWALLOW FUN FRIDAY SCHEDULE

March 24: Crayon Day...pick a color from head to toe

April 14: PJ Day...keep your stuffies and blankets at home, please

April 21: Swallow Gear

April 28: Super Hero Day...keep any pieces that cover the students' faces and/or weapons or loose accessories at home

COLLABORATION CORNER

Help us, help you! Our team is not only here to help students, we are a resource for you too. If you have a question we can answer?

Click the 'contact us' icon to submit your question or additional support you may need.





Thursday, March 2, 2023

NEWS FROM The NEST OTHER ACTIVITIES

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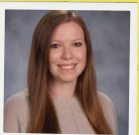
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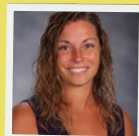
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March 2023 Children's Activity Calendar

"You, little insignificant caterpillar, can grow up into a beautiful butterfly and fly into the world with your talent."
— Eric Carle

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																									
1 Holiday Pig Day: Who is your favorite literary pig? Wilbur? Fievel? Have a hog-wild time with streamers, decorations, and music that celebrates all things pig.	2 Celebration Read Across America Day: Pair up with another classroom from a different state and read books highlighting their region of the country and yours.	3 Celebration Ghostwriters Week: Display books that were written by a ghostwriter, such as Carolyn Keene. Help kids write a story in someone else's voice.	4 Celebration Iditarod Day: Read Alibi by Robert Blake and share more about this iconic race using Brownie Locks.	5 Celebration Share this video read-aloud of NEA's March Read Across America picture book choice, <i>Dream Street</i> by Tricia Egan Walker, illustrated by Ekus Holmes.	6 Celebration Music in Our Schools Month: Help kids create tiny beans homemade instruments and perform a concert at the end of this month.	7 Celebration Holi Ends at Sunset: This Hindu holiday honors the winter crop harvest and advent of spring. Share <i>Festival of Colors</i> by Saritha Sehgal and Kabir Sehgal, illustrated by Vashi Hamon.	8 Celebration Proofreading Day: Have kids take lines from their favorite books and add mistakes. Hand those lines to other kids and see if they can find all the mistakes.	9 Celebration Read Lots Shapes the Sky by Wendy Greenley, illustrated by Paolo Domeniconi. Bring a cloud to life with a Cloud in a Jar STEM activity from Little Bins for Little Hands.	10 Celebration US Paper Money Day: Ask kids to design a new paper currency and use it to "buy" classroom or library privileges, such as sitting next to a friend or becoming line leader.	11 Celebration Youth Art Month: Invite a local artist or book illustrator to show kids how to create something special of their own.	12 Celebration Get ready for the Academy Awards by hosting an award show and giving out an Oscar to every child. Finish the event by showing "The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore."	13 Celebration Tomorrow is Pi Day. Pick out a book to read from the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District's list and serve it up with a slice of blueberry crumb or banana cream pie.	14 Celebration Happy Book Birthday to <i>In the Palm of My Hand</i> by debut author Jennifer Roudenbook, illustrated by Isabella Conti.	15 Celebration Paws to Read Month: Encourage kids to read to a pet or stuffed animal they bring in and invite a service animal owner to your space to join in the fun.	16 Celebration Pandas Day: Show the Smithsonian National Zoo live panda cam and visit Pandas International for activities and conservation information.	17 Celebration St. Patrick's Day: Read <i>How to Catch a Leprechaun</i> by Adam Wallace and then help kids design and create a trap from Happiness is Homemade.	18 Celebration Worldwide Quilting Day: Read <i>The All Together Quilt</i> by Lizzy Rockwell and help kids make their own paper quilt craft from Artists Helping Children.	19 Celebration Tomorrow is the first day of Spring. Check out Pinterest for creative spring-themed library or classroom display ideas.	20 Celebration Very Hungry Caterpillar Day: Celebrate with ideas from the digital picnic party kit. Don't forget the Swiss cheese and lollipop!	21 Celebration World Down Syndrome Day: Read <i>Up and Adam</i> by Debbie Zapata, inspired by the author's very own son and illustrated by Yong Ling Kang.	22 Celebration Ramadan Begins at Sunset: From this evening through April 21, Muslims around the world will celebrate this holy month of fasting, introspection, and prayer. Read <i>Zehra's Blessing: A Ramadan Story</i> by Shamsi Shamsi.	23 Celebration On this day in 1743, George Frideric Handel's oratorio "Messiah" premiered at the Royal Opera House in London. Play this masterpiece throughout the day.	24 Celebration Harry Houdini's Birthday: Born in 1874, Houdini went on to become a world-famous magician and escape artist. Read <i>Houdini and Me</i> by Dan Gutman.	25 Celebration Waffle Day: Who loves waffles? Set out some simple waffle toppings and gather around to read a book from <i>The A Waffle Lot of Narwhal and Jelly</i> series by Ben Clanton.	26 Celebration Make Up Your Own Holiday Day: Ask kids to pick a day to celebrate their unique made-up holiday.	27 Celebration Ame Dyckman's Birthday: Host a party with the <i>You Don't Want a Unicorn!</i> Storytime Kit.	28 Celebration Happy Book Birthday to <i>Animals in Surprising Shades: Poems About Earth's Colorful Creatures</i> by Susan Johnston, illustrated by Annie Bakst.	29 Celebration International Mermaid Day: Read your favorite mermaid book and pair it with one of Kids Activities Blog's 22 Adorable Mermaid Crafts.	30 Celebration Virtual Vacation Day: Inspire kids to make a presentation to share about a dream vacation destination. Have them add video, audio, and narration as they present.	31 Celebration Crayon Day: Celebrate this colorful day with activity ideas from librarian Shannon McCintock Miller.	31 Celebration A Waffle Lot of Narwhal and Jelly

Music in Our Schools Month • Youth Art Month • Paws to Read Month

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Bow Tie Butterfly Noodle Craft	Dr. Seuss Day: Read Stories & Have Dr. Seuss Fun	Spring Handprint Craft	Get Outside & Blow Bubbles	DIY Salt Dough Easter Eggs
Shaving Cream Letter Practice	Get Outside and Jump in the Puddles	Fingerprint Rainbow Craft	Do Sidewalk Chalk Outside	Tulip Potato Printing Craft	Decorate plants & plant seeds	Make Peanut Butter Playdough
Get Outside & Ride Bikes	Make a Rainbow Fruit Salad Snack & Serve in Ice Cream Cone	Shaving Cream Rainbow Clouds	Green Pepper Shamrocks	St. Patrick's Day Celebration	Easter Egg Hunt in Backyard	Skittles Rainbow Science Experiment
Egg Decorating	Easter Craft and/or Activity	Get Outside & Have a Spring Spiceweed Hunt	Heart to Will Reading Party	Easter Eggs-ercises	Easter Craft and/or Activity	Fly a Kite
Easter Celebration	Get Outside & Head Out to A New Playground	Bake Cupcakes Together	DIY Pinch Pots	Melted Marshmallow Print		