



# Mrs. Pfundstein's April Newsletter

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## This month we are reading:

**April 2nd:** *Bringing Down the Moon*

**April 9<sup>th</sup>:** *Peter's Chair*

**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** *Hen Hears Gossip*

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>:** *Bread Comes to Life*

**April 30<sup>th</sup>:** *What's the Big Idea Molly?*

## Math News!

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Identify & Describe 3D Shapes

**April 9<sup>th</sup>:** Addition Fluency to Five, solving word problems

**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** Subtraction Fluency to Five, solving word problems

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Review of Math Skills

**April 30<sup>th</sup>:** Review of Math Skills

## Phonemic Awareness

Proficiency with blending, segmenting, addition, deletion and substitution will continue to be encouraged.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Phoneme addition & deletion

**April 9<sup>th</sup>:** rhyming, vowel pairs, long vowels.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** rhyming, Crazy "R" Long vowels

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>:** rhyming, Crazy "R" Long vowels

**April 30<sup>th</sup>:** rhyming, Crazy "R" Long vowels

## Social Studies and Science Themes

In Science, students will be examining the properties of matter, how it heats and cools and how matter can change. Late in the month, students will be learning about Motion and exploring magnets.

In Social Studies, students will be discussing and celebrating Earth Day, and finishing the chronological study of things that happen in the morning, afternoon and evening.

## Letters and High-Frequency Words

*Review letters, sounds and sight words daily!*

**April 2nd:** review-u,g,w,x,v,j,qu,y,z

**April 9<sup>th</sup>:** Long Aa, help, too

**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** Long Ii, play has

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Long Oo, where look

**April 30<sup>th</sup>:** Long Uu, who, good

*May 11<sup>th</sup> is the very last day to test on an AR book! Please read every night with your child to improve reading comprehension, and to help your child reach the AR goal of 15 points with 85% comprehension. Students who reach this goal will be invited to attend the Pancake Breakfast!*

## Classroom News!

The month of April is a month when students can grow rapidly, and with help can reach proficiency with skills that may have been difficult previously. Please make certain that your child is well rested and prepared for school each day to encourage continued success!

Students should also be practicing shoe-tying and self-help skills regarding clothing in order to get ready for First Grade!

## Upcoming Events

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Buffalo PRIDE Mtg. @ 6:00 pm VCMS

**April 17<sup>th</sup>:** Field Trip to Orlando Repertory

**April 16-27:** iReady testing for Kindergarteners- students do not test ALL days. Each class is assigned one day for reading and one day for math assessments.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Earth Day! "Do something nice for our planet!"

**April 24<sup>th</sup>:** 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Midpoint

**April 27<sup>th</sup>:** Regular School Day

### \*PI Opportunity\*

- Buffalo PRIDE meeting
- Scented Markers
- Dry Erase Markers/Whiteboards
- Snacks