



MORRILTON

CLASSROOM
HIGHLIGHTS



APRIL 2011

Cuddly

The children are loving the spring temperatures. We are able to go outside more often. There are many activities planned this month. The themes for this month are signs of spring, pond life, bugs and Easter. Diana, Marla, and Suzanne have many activities planned for the month of April. April 10th-14th is Arkansas Children's week. The theme for Arkansas Children's Week is "Let's Explore Science." There are many different activities that can be done at home as a family activity. One suggestion is to make a bracelet out of masking tape and let the little one go outside and collect tiny objects such as leaves, pine needles, or tops of acorns. All the children are progressing well and working hard on their goals. Be sure to send a jacket every day if the temperatures are cool. They may not need it in the afternoon but it is still needed in the morning. Parents thank you so much for sending your children every day. They make so much progress when they come every day.

BUSY BEES

Welcome from Room 2!!! Our class is looking forward to springtime and all the wonderful things we will be able to do in the pretty weather. Arkansas Children's week will be April 10-14 and the theme is "Let's Explore Science". As a class we will study bugs, plants, birds and things that sink and float. You can help by doing some activities at home with your kids. The bath time is a perfect time to discover there are things that float and things that sink. Also, walk around outside and compare flower petals, discovering which is bigger, which smells the best, what colors are there and which is the favorite. Also don't forget to collect those BUGS!

Please help us welcome our new staff, Rachel Beck, Speech Language Pathologist and Alma Duvall, Occupational Therapy Asst.

Ramblin

Room 5 is ready to "Explore Science" for the month of April. All the classes are going to be collecting items found in nature to create a terrarium for everyone's enjoyment. Take your child on a nature walk and see what kind of things you can find: rocks, moss, plants, leaves, sticks, etc. Then join us on April 15 (come by anytime during the day) to see what we have collected. We encourage you to help your child study science at home. Below are some suggestions for this age: -Add mild dishwashing soap to water and give children whisks and eggbeaters to make suds.-Lay a hula hoop or jump rope circle on the ground and help children name all the things they can see inside the circle. -Go for a short walk and find a safe, comfortable place to sit down together. Listen for environmental sounds all around. Ms. Lana, Ms. Joan, and Ms. Lana K. would like to welcome A.J. to our room. He is already making friends and enjoying himself. Lillyanna will also be joining us this month. It makes us sad to see Brayden and Paisley move up to the next room, but they are growing up and are having a blast in the big kids' room.

RAINBOW

April is here. Spring has sprung and the flowers are starting to bloom. There are many things going on in the month of April. The themes for the month are signs of spring, pond life, bugs and Easter. Janie and Jamie have many activities planned. April 10th-14th is Arkansas Children's week. The theme for Arkansas Children's Week is "Let's Explore Science." There are many different activities that can be done at home as a family activity. Look for books or magazines that have plants and animals and talk about the pictures. Another activity is go for a walk. As you and your family take your walk look for natural objects for example: pine cones, acorns, flowers, twigs, etc. Talk about each of these objects as you collect them. We would like to welcome Paisley and Cassie to the Rainbow room. The children are progressing well and are doing a great job working on their goals and objectives. Be sure to send a jacket every day if the temperatures are cool. They may not need it in the afternoon but it is still needed in the morning. Parents thank you so much for sending your children every day. They make so much progress when they come every day.

GROWING

Nothing but Science in Room 4!!!!!! During the month of April, in celebration of Arkansas Children's Week, Sandy, Laura, and Miss Susan and the children in their class will be super science explorers!! They plan to study life cycles of bugs, plants, and animals. If you have anything to show or to donate (tadpoles, crawdads, minnows, earthworms, frogs, turtles, fossils, bird nests and so on) let room 4 know. Thanks, AND we will be looking forward to all the parents coming and viewing our projects on Friday, April the 15 at our 1st Annual KIDSFIRST Science Fair. A great activity for you to do with your child at home is to string different foods for the squirrels and birds to enjoy. Use cheerios, grapes, cranberries, popcorn, and pieces of bread.

SUNSHINE

Room 6 says "Let's Explore Science" for the month of April. We will be collecting items found in nature to create a terrarium. Parents are invited to come and go on April 15 to check out all the fun things the children have put together. We would like for you to participate in our science theme at home. Below are some ideas for you to do with your child: -Make children aware of items that can be recycled. Set up some recycling bins for paper, cardboard, and plastic. -Get excited! Whether you like gardening, flying kites, or baking bread; share it with your children. -Go on a bird watchers walk: How many different kinds of birds can children spot? Ms. Dusty, Ms. Stephanie, and Ms. Lana would like to welcome Tristan to our room. We are going to enjoy having her! We are saying goodbye to Addison and Sharita. We hate to see them go. Kindergarten transitions will be soon. Thank you to those of you who returned your release forms. I have to have these in order to release information to your child's school. If you haven't returned those forms, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks.

Project Nurture

Nurturing Idea for April

Brain Food

When preparing foods for your child, you are careful about what goes into their bodies. You make sure that what they eat is good for them. Do you take the same care when selecting what goes into their minds? Specifically, consider the music you listen to around the house or in the car. Your child is listening too!

Now, let's be realistic. You don't necessarily have to listen to *Silly Songs with Clappy the Clown* every day, just pay attention to be sure what you're feeding your child's mind isn't "junk food".

What is Project Nurture?

Project Nurture is KIDS FIRST's Infant Mental Health Program. Our goal is to promote the social and emotional well-being of KIDS FIRST infants, toddlers, and families through secure and nurturing relationships.

KIDS FIRST Cookbooks for sale.
Would make a wonderful Mother's Day Gift.
A nice hardback edition. \$15.00

**DON'T FORGET
POOLE PHOTOGRAPHY
WILL BE HERE ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL
13TH!**



ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S WEEK

Mark your calendars for Arkansas Children's Week April 11-15. The theme of this year is "Exploring Science". On Friday the 15th, KIDSFIRST will be having their 1st Annual Science Fair. You are invited to stroll through the halls at our Center and see all the wonderful science projects that your child's classroom has been studying. Explore science with your child by searching for frogs, bugs, plants, bird nests, fossils, and fireflies. Have fun!!!

April is Occupational Therapy month

Brandy Hartman, Cheri Meeks and Alma Duvall work with your children every day to help them improve their fine motor, self help, and sensory needs. They also collaborate with other staff to carry out goals in the classroom and playground as well. Please let Brandy, Cheri and Alma know how much you appreciate their efforts with our kids and staff.

Let Mrs. Brandy, Ms. Cheri and Mrs. Alma know how much you appreciate them!