



# Sandcastle Preschool

"Where children learn through play"

## Theme: Pets!



April 2017



Our theme for the month of April is "Pets" and we'll be learning about the many kinds of creatures that people like to have as pets, and how to take care of them. If any of you have a gentle pet who would like to visit our program, please let Lisa or Petra know, and we can arrange a time for a visit. We are required to have prior approval from management. Here are 3 ways to teach children about being kind to animals...

1. Read a book about kindness, such as "Tails are not for pulling, by Elizabeth Verdick, and "May I pet your dog?" by Stephanie Calmanson.
2. Create a butterfly garden, a great way to celebrate spring!
3. Make a bird feeder using a pine cone or cardboard tube, roll in any kind of seed or nut butter, then in bird seed, hang from a tree and see who comes to visit!

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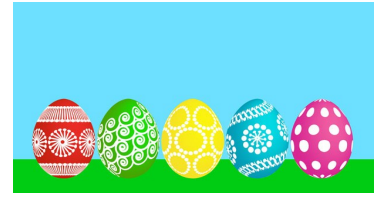
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## Good Friday and Easter Monday

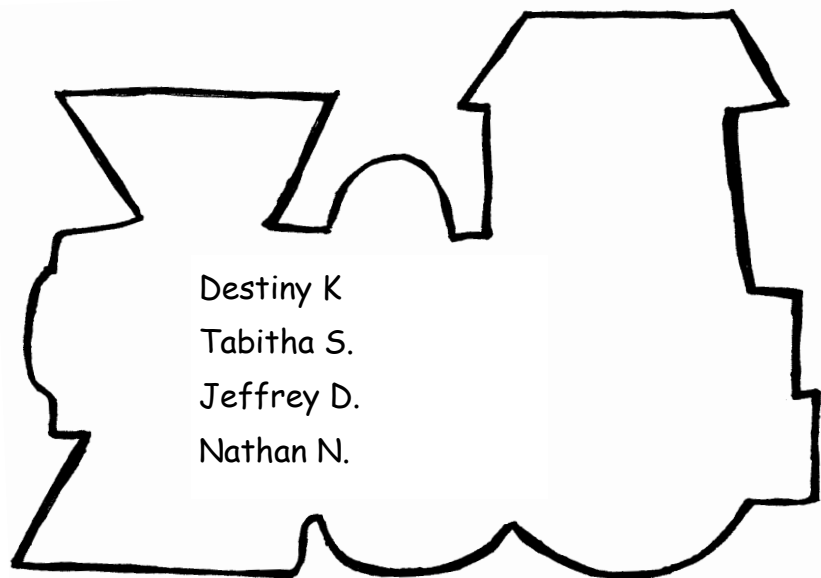
Preschool will be closed on Good Friday, **April 14th**, and Easter Monday, **April 17th**. We wish all of you a very Happy Easter!

\*\*\*Looking ahead to May, we will be closed on **Tuesday, May 23rd** for a Pro-D-day.



\*\*Reminder for Families...we will be doing Parent Teacher interviews in June, however you are welcome at any time to talk to us about your child's progress, in person or over the phone, whatever is convenient for you. We are happy to chat with you!

## Happy Birthday!



## Looking ahead....

We have planned a walking field trip to the **Mission Art Gallery**. The **Yellow and Orange** classes will go on **Thursday May 4th**. The **Blue and Green Classes** will go on **Friday May 5th**. Everyone arrives at the preschool at the usual class times. The morning classes (Blue & Yellow) will leave the preschool at approximately **10:00 am** and the afternoon classes (Green & Orange) will leave at approximately **12:15 pm**. We will arrive back at the preschool for regular class end times. Parent participation is not required however all are welcome to join us. **\*NOTE\*** **We will go rain or shine (but not down pouring!) so please make sure your child is dressed according to the weather! \*Please no flip flops for safety!**

## Circle Time

See the little Bunnies sleeping

See the little bunnies sleeping "till it's nearly noon,  
Won't you come and wake them with a merry tune?  
Oh so still...  
Are they ill...?

Wake up little bunnies!

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop!  
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop!  
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, stop! ( how fast can you go??)



## Easter Egg Hunts

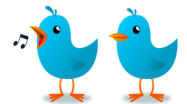
We'll be having our Easter egg hunts during class time on Wednesday April 12th and Thursday April 13th. There will be a plastic egg for everyone with some stickers inside. If you wish to bring in any treats, please remember we are dairy and nut free...Thank-you!

## Community News

Abbotsford Tulip Festival: April 10th- May 7th. Google for more info, maps etc.

Elks Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Sunday April 16th, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm at Heritage Park.

Earth Day Event: Thursday April 22nd, Free family event at the Leisure Centre, 10:00 am-1:00 pm



## Special Visitor

On Monday April 10th, we'll be having "Thumper Thomas" a real pet bunny joining our class. He belongs to one of our wonderful receptionists, and is a very gentle family pet. He'll be part of our class from the 10th-13th, and we'll be able to do some hands on learning about caring for bunnies!

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# Thank You!



We would like to send a special thank you to all of our parents who support and contribute to our preschool program in so many different ways. There are those who give us gently used clothing, hats and mittens, those who thoughtfully bring us resources for our art experiences and our science table as well as many gently used toys. Many of you support our scholastics fundraiser and all of you cooperate in the daily routines of arrival, pick-up and communication. All of the children benefit as a result of your efforts and support. We appreciate your kindness and generosity.  
Thank You!

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