

# Meadow Oaks Academy Pre School Newsletter

## April 2014

### Pre-Kindergarten News

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**Week 1 – Mr. Y – Yawning Yawn**

Yes! We're learning Y this week. Let's yell...yippee! and not yawn too much while we yearn for knowledge.

Activities:

- ...make yogurt parfaits
- ...discuss yummy & yucky foods
- ...explore yardsticks
- ...make a flying yellow jacket
- ...sight words



DLM: Making Music

Science: Exploration, Observation, & Predictions – Magic Mixtures, How Fresh is this Egg?

Math: Introduce Adding, Counting with Nickels, 1 Min. Math Activities

Little Book: Eggs – week 2

**Show and Tell on Friday: Bring something that starts with Y and wear yellow**

**Week 2 – Mr. R – Ripping Rubber Band**

This week we will be learning about Mr. R.

Activities:

- ...discuss shapes, rectangle, rhombus & round
- ...make raindrop art
- ...talk about rabbits & make rabbit ears
- ...discover rocks
- ...sight words



DLM: Creepy Crawlies

Science: Science Process Skills-Word Predictions (skills of observation & prediction), Trees & Plants-explore the characteristics of apples

Writing: No Tears Writing Activities

Math: Introduction to subtraction, counting by 10's with dimes

Little Book: Rainbow – wk#1

Songs: Mr. R – Ripping Rubber Band, Rain, Rain Go Away, Do Your Ears Hang Low?

**Show and Tell on Friday: make and bring a pet rock**

**Week 3 – Mr. J – Jumbled Junk**

Jumping jelly beans let's see what we can learn about the letter J this week.

Activities:

- ...learn about & make a jellyfish
- ...make a jeweled "J" necklace
- ...judge juice
- ...jar lid painting
- ...sight words



DLM: Creepy Crawlies

Science: Trees & Plants-Do plants need water to grow? (learn the requirements of plants by touching & observing), Living Trees-compare types of trees by touching & observing

Writing: No Tears Writing Activities

Math: Addition & Counting with dimes

Little Book: Rainbow – wk #2

Songs: Mr. J – Jumbled Junk, Jump-Jump-Wiggle-Wiggle, April Song

**Show and Tell on Friday: wear jeans**

**Week 4 – Mr. X – All Wrong**

We have excellent ideas in store for learning Mr. X – All Wrong.

Activities:

- ...looking at x-rays
- ...explore x's in the newspaper
- ...make a treasure map with "x"...explore a xylophone
- ...sight words

DLM: Creepy Crawlies

Science: Nature Viewer-children will learn about flowers through collecting & drying blossoms, Mr. Day & Mr. Night-experiment with light & plants & draw conclusions

Writing: No Tears Writing Activities

Math: Introduce quarters, subtraction

Little Book: Flowers – wk #1

Songs & Finger plays: Mr. X – All Wrong, Spring Song

**Show and Tell on Friday: bring something that contains the letter X**



**Week 5 – Review W, Y, R, J, and X**

Review time. Our fourth week of April will reintroduce our letter through some exciting activities.

Activities:

- ...paint with jello
- ...create a red robot
- ...trace & cut out a wonderful whale
- make rhythm patterns
- ...sight words

DLM: Creepy Crawlies

Science: What makes plants grow?- shows the importance of water, sun, & air to plants, Choose a leaf-children learn about leaves through observation & the sense of touch

Writing: No Tears Writing Activities

Math: Review adding, subtracting, dimes, quarters

Little Book: Flowers – wk #2

Songs & Finger plays: Review letter people letters W, Y, R, J & X, The Littlest Worm

**Show and Tell on Friday: bring something that begins with a review letter**



**RODEO PARADE**  
**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**

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# Preschool 2 Newsletter April 2014



**Week 1 – Earth Science - Clouds**

The children will learn about the common objects they see in the sky.

Shape of the week: Round

Color of the week: White

Letter of the week: Cc

Number of the week: 2

Art: Cotton Ball Clouds, Shaving Cream Delight, White Collage, Round and Round, Ice Cookies  
Math: Sizes, Felt Board, File Folders Games, Sorting, Matching

Songs & Finger plays: White, Two by Two, Round and Round, Walk Among the Clouds, Pairs, Whether the Weather



**Week 2 – Earth Science - Rainbows**

The children will learn about objects in the sky.

Shape of the week: Round

Color of the week: White

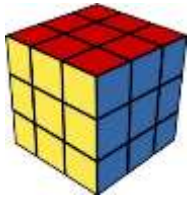
Letter of the week: Cc

Number of the week: 2

Art: Ribbon Rainbows, Rainbow Color Bags, Coloring with Crayons, Chalk Drawings, Color Creations

Math: Play dough, Picking Board, File Folder Games, Sorting, Matching

Songs & Finger plays: Rainbow Dance, Children Have, Children Children, Push the Wall, Up Down Turn Around, Little Drops of Water



**Week 3 – Earth Science - Wind**

The children will learn about the common objects they see in the sky.

Shape of the week: Cube

Color of the week: Black

Letter of the week: Dd

Number of the week: 10

Art: Wind Drawing, Wind Socks, Ice Cube Painting, Black Collage, Cube Mural

Math: Folding, Matching, File Folder Games, Sorting, Play dough

Songs & Finger plays: The Wind is Blowing, Clap Ten Times, Blow Blow Blow, Dancin' with the wind, Directions, North Wind



**Week 4 – Earth Science - Shadows**

The children will participate in activities to explore the concepts of the day and night.

Shape of the week: Cube

Color of the week: Black

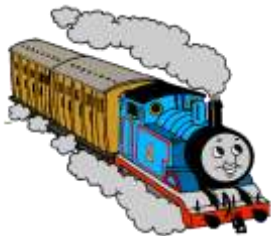
Letter of the week: Dd

Number of the week: 10

Art: Sha-dough, Drip Drop Drizzle, Shadow Catchers, Cube Dribbling, Shadow Drawing

Math: Matching, One-to-One Correspondence, Sets, File Folder Games, Sorting

Songs & Finger plays: Tap it Out, Doodlim', Cube Dance, Drive, Ten in the Bed, My Shadow



**Week 5: Children's Authors – Donald Crews – Freight Trains**

The children will pretend to ride a school bus. We will explore the letter li, a line and the concept of a whole.

Shape of the week: Line

Color of the week: Apricot

Letter of the week: li

Number of the week: Whole

Art Activities: Eraser Bags, Children on the Bus, No Mix Painting, All About Glitter, Ride the Bus to School

Math Activities: Lines, Fractions, File Folder Games, Memory

Songs & Finger plays: Secret Code Game, The Wheels on the Bus, Musical Names, Freeze Dance, Ride the Bus



**Notes:**

Please don't allow your children to wear open toed shoes (sandals, flip flops, crocs(no boundaries), etc.) to school.

They need to wear **TENNIS SHOES.**



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## Preschool 3 Newsletter April 2014



### Week 1 -Rain

Our fascination with this wet substance will be peaked this week.

**Activities:**

- ...create rain at the easel with blue paint
- ...make a yarn rainbow collage
- ...experiment with evaporation

- ...practice lacing, buttoning, & zipping
- ...collect twigs to glue on the letter T
- ...make a thunder painting
- ...put umbrella & boot shapes in groups of 4
- Letter of the Week: Tt
- Count on Math: Patterning

Number Review: 4

Songs & Finger plays: Little Raindrop,

Rainy Day Fun, Thunderstorm, The Rain, Rainy

**Bring a magazine clipping of something that begins with the letter T or a picture of the weather to school on Friday to share with the class.**

### Week 2 – Pets

Children can form a special bond with their pets that they will hold dear for a lifetime. We will learn more about pets and pet care this week.

**Activities:**

- ...cutting & gluing a pet collage

- ...have a pet show-n-tell
- ...plan a pet show
- ...group pet food items in groups of 8
- ...glue craft sticks to the letter W
- ...design a feeding chart for pets
- Letter of the Week: Ww

Count on Math: Patterning

Number Review: 8

Songs & Finger plays: Rags, Six Little Pets, Have you ever seen a Rabbit?, Sammy, If I were

**Bring a magazine clipping of something that begins with the letter W or a picture of your favorite pet to school on Friday to share with the class.**



### Week 3 – Easter

Here comes Peter Cottontail with loads of learning fun. This week will include many “egg-citing” things.

**Activities:**

- ...sand dot number cards for the number 7

- ...make rabbit prints with cookie cutters
- ...glue vegetable colors to the letter W
- ...correspondence of sets, egg matching & play rabbit tag
- ...group veggie seeds in groups of 7
- ...mix colors on egg shaped

coffee filters

- ...have an egg rolling contest

Letter of the Week: Ww

Count on Math: Patterning

Number Review: 7

Songs & Finger plays: Did you ever see a Rabbit?, Five Little Eggs, Kitty & Bunny, 12345

**Bring a magazine clipping of something that begins with the letter W or a favorite Easter picture to school on Friday to share with the class.**



### Week 4 – Dogs

Where, oh where has my little dog gone? We'll find our dogs and many other this week as we learn more about man's best friend.

**Activities:**

- ...create dog puppets

- ...make an easel bone painting
- ...paint with water colors on the letter Ww
- ...group water drops in groups of 8
- ...have a number hunt
- ...make paw prints
- Letter of the Week: Ww

Count on Math: Patterning

Number Review: 8

Frisky's Doghouse

**Bring a magazine clipping of something that begins with the letter W or a picture of a dog to school on Friday to share with the class.**



### Week 5 – Cats

Lost your mittens? We'll be finding them this week as we visit with our cuddly friend the cat.

**Activities:**

- ...make a cat mask
- ...create a kitty in free art buttoning

- ...make paw prints
- ...practice buttoning
- ...paint beautiful colors on the letter X
- ...do a pom-pom painting
- Letter of the Week: Xx
- Count on Math: Patterning
- Number Review: 9
- Songs & Finger plays: Two Little Kittens, Kitty,

Mrs. Kitty's Dinner, A Kitten

**Bring a magazine clipping of something that begins with the letter X or a picture of a cat to school on Friday to share with the class**



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