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## April Skipper 2022

### PRE-K 4

We are starting Unit 5 in the Connect4Learning classroom program. This unit is about gardens and the living things that you will find there. We will explore the following topics and skills:

- Science:
  - Growth of things over time
  - What plants and animals need to grow
  - How people grow food
  - Documenting observations in a journal
- Math:
  - 2-D and 3-D shapes
  - More advanced counting strategies
  - Early addition and subtraction concepts
- Literacy:
  - Learning from and creating informational text
  - Using text to learn a sequence of events
  - Supporting opinions
  - Learning more letters and sounds and how to blend sounds to make words

### PRE-K 4

Social and Emotional Skills:

- Understanding social problems
- Creating new solutions
- Thinking of ways to cooperate

Upcoming Dates

- April 1st: Unit 4 Culminating Event 5:30-6:30
- Play Museum Field Trip (More information to come)

## KINDERGARTEN

Dear Kindergarten Families,

- This month in phonics we are learning to decode and read words with digraphs (sh, ch, wh, th) and reading short books where we will practice decoding cvc words using word families we have learned.
- As mathematicians we will practice identifying & building 2D & 3D shapes, counting forward from a given number, and subtracting using problem solving strategies we have learned (using a picture, number-line, fingers, and hundreds chart).
- We will wrap up science by exploring the sunlight's effect on the Earth's Surface. We will resume Social Studies for Term 4.

### Reminders:

-Please send in monthly snacks at the beginning of the month.

-Please continue to send a water bottle with your child daily.

-Check Google Classroom for materials to support learning at home.

-The Kindergarten Team

## FIRST GRADE

Dear First Grade Families,

In math, students will explore the relationship between addition and subtraction, compare different subtraction strategies, and continue to work on fact fluency. Students will also explore defining and nondefining attributes of 2-dimensional shapes.

In social studies, students will use geographic concepts and processes to examine the role of culture, technology, and the environment in the location and distribution of human activities and spatial connections throughout time.

## SECOND GRADE

### ELA

The boys and girls have been reading and responding to stories about imaginary worlds, folktales, humorous stories and other fiction and nonfiction texts. They have learned about the vowel teams -ew, vowel-r, w+ar, w+or, vowel r phonograms, suffixes, prefixes and syllables. Second graders have been studying about illustrations, character traits and author's craft. They have been writing in their journals and readers' notebooks.

### MATH

Students have been learning about measurement. Students measured items in inches, centimeters, feet, yards, and meters. Students also practiced adding and subtracting with regrouping. We used base 10 blocks to demonstrate this skill. They continue to solve number stories and choose the best diagram to help them solve the problem.

### SCIENCE

In science students learned all about pollination. They designed and created their own hand pollinators. They tested out their design and made modifications if needed. Students also learned about seed dispersal. They learned how animals help with this process. Science ends on April 8<sup>th</sup>, and then we will go back to social studies.

## SPECIAL AREAS

PE: On *May 6, 2022*, Fruitland Primary School will be hosting our annual Kids Heart Challenge event to raise funds for the American Heart Association. Our event will take place during school hours; each class will be invited to our "Celebration Event" in the gym. The Celebration, lasting approximately 45 minutes, will have a variety of jumping activities and fun for all FPS students. This activity time will replace their physical education or other special area classes for that day. It is important that all students come prepared dressed in comfortable clothes and sneakers.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Mr. Walter/Mrs. Tilghman at FPS through class DOJO. We look forward to this event and appreciate your anticipated support.

Thank you,

Mr. Walter/Mrs. Tilghman

Music: PreK3 and PreK4 Musicians will be learning about fast and slow tempos and loud and quiet music in the upcoming weeks. Now that they have learned to use most instruments in the music room, they will be refining their steady beat and rhythm skills too!

Kindergarten Musicians enjoyed working with our intern, Ms. Morris, and they wish her the best at her next placement! In the upcoming weeks, they will be learning to play the xylophones. They will play them with poems and stories while working on their steady beat and rhythm skills.

First Grade Musicians enjoyed working with our intern, Ms. Morris, and they wish her the best at her next placement! They have been working hard on their standard rhythm notation and will be moving their focus to staff notation using sol, la, and mi.

Second Grade Musicians enjoyed working with our intern, Ms. Morris, and they wish her the best at her next

placement! In the coming weeks, they will be combining their solfege skills with their rhythm skills as they learn to write staff notation for simple melodies.



## April 2022 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 C Day End of Marking Term3
4 D Day	5 E Day Bookmobile	6 F Day	7 A Day	8 B Day Early Dismissal Report Card Distribution
11 C Day Parent Conference Night	12 D Day Pre-K 4 Family Night	13 E Day	14 F Day Early Dismissal	15 No School
18 No School	19 A Day	20 B Day	21 C Day Fruitland Schools Sweet Frog Night	22 D Day
25 E Day	26 F Day Bookmobile	27 A Day	28 B Day	29 C Day

### General Reminders:

\*\*Daily COVID Screening Procedures- please be sure to screen your child for COVID symptoms prior to attending each in-person school day. The screening procedure can be found [here](#).

\*\*PARENTS!! You may want to consider Voluntary Student Accident Insurance (SAI) coverage for your child. There are many options available including 24-hour insurance coverage, school-time coverage, summer coverage and more. To learn about the coverages available and to enroll online, go to this Wicomico County Public Schools approved insurance agency: [Flyer](#)

\*\*We are inviting parents to be involved in our PBIS (Positive Behavior Program). As a parent member you will only be asked to attend 1 meeting. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested. We are excited to create a sense of community, not only among our staff and students, but our families as well.