



Dear Enrichment Parents,

We hope you had a fun and restful spring break because we're ready for a busy April. We will explore several topics: our neighborhood, spring, Easter, weather, transportation, space, recycling, dramatic play and make believe!

**BACKWARDS DAY:** No joking! **Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will have our April Fool's Day. We will wear our clothes backwards! Each child should bring a joke to share in small group.

*Imaginations And Make Believe:*

**MERRY ANDREW-A-FOOT:** On **Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**, Leroy of Merry Andrew-A-Foot will present a dramatic workshop at preschool. He makes literature come alive, nourishes children's imaginations and turns 5 year olds into budding actors!

**STORYBOOK DAY** will be on **Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Children may dress as a favorite storybook character.

*Continuing with this theme.....*

**BOULDER DINNER THEATRE:** On **Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**, we'll be going to a **morning** presentation of a children's play at the Boulder Dinner Theatre (55<sup>th</sup> and Arapahoe in Boulder). Parents will need to drop off children at **9:30 am** and pick them up at **11:15 am** at the Dinner Theatre. **THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH BUNCH OR AFTERNOON CLASS ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup>!**

**FOCUS ON TRANSPORTATION:** During April and May, we will be exploring all different kinds of transportation – feet, bikes, buses, fire engines, trucks, trains, boats, cars, airplanes and spacecraft. We will also discuss taking care of the earth. We know that there are several field trips this month with time changes on many dates. We do feel that these trips add so much to our program and the children's learning experiences. These trips are an important part of the Pre-K/Enrichment year and we appreciate your support in providing transportation as needed. Thank you!

**TRUCKS:** We will be talking about trucks and especially fire trucks. We will be doing a lot of firefighter activities, songs and books. We will go to visit **Fire Station #3** on **Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please arrive on time, as we will be riding the RTD. The class will **end** at **Scott Carpenter Park**. **Carpools will need to pick up the children at the park at 3:15. Dismissal will be from the park. If you are unable to pick-up there, please make your own arrangements with another parent.**  
**Thanks!**

**MA and ENR/PreK Release Day:** There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **TUESDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>**. This is a professional development day for the staff.

**MODIFIED SCHEDULE:** **Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Class begins at 1:30 on this day.

**SPACE DAYS:** On **April 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a space play center, space adventure people, a "space walk" and space table activities. We'll study planets and satellites and eat food like the astronauts eat. Rughtime songs and activities will be centered around space. If your child wishes to bring space toys, please be sure they are labeled with your child's name. We will be going on a field trip to **Fiske Planetarium on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. The entry fee is **\$3.50**. If parents want to attend, there is the same entry fee for them plus \$1.50 per hour parking fee on campus. The planetarium show is not appropriate for younger children. We will take the city bus to the planetarium on the CU campus so please be on time. Pick up at the planetarium at **3:15**.

**SAVE - SAVE - SAVE:** **Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 - 2:30 PM for our Mothers' Day Get Together**  
**Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - Family Picnics - 12:30 - 2:00 PM.(NO school on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> )**  
**THERE ARE NO REGULAR CLASSES ON THESE DAYS!**

**FROM THE PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

**SWEETHEART SUCCESS:** What fun everyone had at the Valentine's Sweetheart Festival in February! This year's event was so popular that it broke all attendance records! Families danced, did crafts, ate snacks, took photos and enjoyed music and puppets with Miss Amy. Many thanks to the Family Activities Committee for putting on this grand evening. Hats off to: Helen Devereux and Christine Cowles (co-chairs), Kristina Robinson, Krysia Gallagher, Tracy & Brian Johnson, Emily Stinchcomb, Kara McDowell, Mary Sznewajs, Nicky Lamprecht, Robyn Bostley, Stephanie Bensler, Susan McDonald, Tracy Komhyr, Tami Blustein, Elizabeth Cousins and Christine Corzine.

With great guidance from the Green Committee, we accomplished a zero-waste event. Ophelia and Keith Larson were in great in helping us with our internet communication. Stacey Phillips and Jeanelle Roth (former Mt. View Parents) also pitched in to help out! And special thanks to Kim (the Mt. View UMC secretary) and Richard (Mt. View UMC's super Building Manager) for all their help.

**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA:** Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> : 2-3:30 pm – Mt. View UMC invites everyone to this special afternoon of fun – cookies, craft activities and of course, an Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring a dozen plastic eggs, filled with goodies, to use in the egg hunt.

**SPRING FIX-UP: Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – 12 noon:** The annual Mt. View Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3:30 pm. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Preschool Entryway. We are looking for a few good moms, dads and willing children to assist in raking, moving sand, fixing, organizing, sawing, painting and staining. Great snacks and beverages are provided. Your help will create some fun changes to the outdoor play area such as building blocks, a mural and chalkboard, a working abacus and musical chimes. And, we have a short list of necessary repairs. Contact Sarah Sager – 303-882-8812 if you have any questions.

**CHILDREN'S CHARITY:** We will be collecting nonperishable food donations April 14th through the 28th for the children to give to **Community Food Share**. If you would like to make a contribution, we will have a King Soopers' shopping cart in the front entryway for dropping off donations. **Community Food Share** has provided us with a list of items they are most in need of. They are: tuna, canned fruit, cold and hot cereal, 100% fruit juice, peanut butter and pasta sauce. If you have any questions, contact Lynn Benham (303-499-2044) or l.benham@verizon.net. The Multi-Age class will drop off the donations on Wednesday, April 28th.

**2010/2011 DEPOSITS DUE:** Deposits for next year were due March 31st. Did you remember? If not, please return your check and new enrollment application form today to the Mt. View mailbox or mail to Judy at home. Thanks!

**SUMMER PLAY PROGRAM:** On-site registration begins Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am and on Tuesday, April 13th. After the 13<sup>th</sup>, sign-ups will be posted in the entryway. Please remember to bring filled out applications and fee payments. (Checks won't be cashed until June 1<sup>st</sup>).

**COMMITTEE MEETING:** Wednesday, April 21st - 9:15 in Frasier Parlor.

**CALLING ALL ARTISTS:** We're looking for some talented parents to paint a mural on the outside concrete block wall on the playground. If you're interested, contact Marcey Cote at 303-545-6464 or Sarah Sager – 303-882-8812.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOKS:** The April Scholastic Book order will be your final chance to order books for your summer reading and fun activities. Remember, the more books you buy, the more bonus points we earn for our teachers to order books, supplies and resources for their classrooms. Questions? Contact Julie Poyton – 303-527-1918 or jpoyton@yahoo.com.

**IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN.....**Mt. View's dependent care provider ID number is 84-0569739.

**DIRECTORY CHANGES:**

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Remember: April showers bring May flowers.....Gayle, Janet, Patti and Patsy