

# Pre-K Parent Line

## Calendar

**April 28**  
**Trip to Chevy's**

**May 8**  
**Trip to see the Paper**  
**Bag Players**

Weeks of April 14<sup>th</sup> - April 21<sup>st</sup>

Farm animal week was a whirl of activities. Through stories, poems, songs and games, the children learned about the different animals that live on a farm. The children had fun acting out the songs "Little Bunny Fru-Fru" and "The Farmer and the Dell". Our math activities included simple addition and ordinal positions with chicks, seriating bunnies from tallest to smallest and matching dots to the numerals on carrots. In art, the children loved having their feet painted to make chicks. They also enjoyed painting their own bunny pictures.

Our week culminated with a visit from Mr. Stuewe and his pet bunnies. He brought three different types of rabbits- a Hotot, a mini-lop, and a Dutch rabbit. He focused on the differences between the bunnies, their coloring, length of hair and ears. He also talked about how he takes care of the bunnies. Then we all had a chance to pet them and hold them in our laps. The bunnies visited with us for a week.

During Earth week, we talked about how we can keep Mr. Litterbug away by throwing away our garbage. We also discussed how we could conserve energy and reuse our trash by recycling. The children participated in sorting and graphing recyclables and creating a work of art from trash. Mother Earth has a lot to offer us if we take good care of her! Earth week culminated with an animal assembly. Ask your child to tell you about it!

## Developmental Skills

### Language Skills:

- We read the following stories: Down by the Cool of the Pool, The Little Lamb, Bunny Day, Sheep out to Eat, Over in the Meadow, The Giving Tree, I Stink, Earthworm, and two prop stories- The Litterbug and Sad Thomas.
- Introduced Letter R
- Reviewed letter and their beginning sounds with Alphabet Poster Games
- Developed a sight word vocabulary for the story The Escalator and New Pants
- Practiced reciting poems and songs
- Played a rhyming bingo game

### Math and Science Skills:

- Completed simple addition with chicks
- Put chicks in ordinal positions
- Seriated bunnies from tallest to smallest
- Matched numerals to dots
- Made bunny faces and dirt dessert for snack
- Sequenced snack pictures
- Sorted and graphed trash
- Planted bean seeds

### Fine motor Skills:

- Painted a bunny and a tree
- Practiced cutting and gluing for sheep and barn projects
- Made a stamp book
- Created a masterpiece from junk
- Finger-painted in homemade mud
- Drew pictures and wrote in journals

### Gross Motor Skills:

- Painted sponge toss
- Played with the parachute
- Soccer play
- Hokey Pokey with shakers
- Learned a simple dance routine to “This Pretty Planet”

### Social Skills:

- Being nice to the earth and our little critter friends