

Happy April:

Full STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) ahead right into Spring! Having fun and playing with a major purpose leads to new discovery all around Kids Klub. April will be full of exciting Spring experiences and lessons at Kids Klub! We will kick off the month with Hoppy's Olympic Challenge as the children learn what the Olympics and an athlete are, what it means to be a good sport and use good sportsmanship and how to care for their bodies by eating healthy and exercising. The children will be learning all about what comes with the season of Spring. The lessons of Spring Festivals around the World and Easter egg fun and games will teach the children how children and families celebrate the coming of Spring all over the world. Spring also brings much change and arrivals in the Animal Kingdom and we will be moving right into baby animals that are born in Spring. The beauty of Spring will come alive in so many forms and spring colors and we will be learning more about the weather we will experience throughout the month as the season changes from Winter to Spring. This month in our studies about the natural world, we will be focused on animals that hatch from eggs. We will look at all kinds of eggs and study their sizes, colors, shapes and textures. As we study this natural phenomenon, we will learn even more detail about lifecycles and the magic of nature that comes with animals that hatch out of eggs. The children will experience The Very Hungry Caterpillar week at the end of this month and the full lifecycle of the butterfly will come alive in an array of learning opportunities that will reach children in so many forms from music, theater & art to hands-on experiences in science and the great outdoors out on the playground. The children will witness the magic of Spring as they watch different types of eggs hatch and then watch the caterpillars and other larval stages of different insects go through metamorphosis and circle through their lifecycles.

We will also be learning all about how we all can make a difference in caring for our planet Earth. We will learn about the celebration around the world called Earth Day and will have a whole week of curriculum on how we can help take care of our communities, the parks, the lakes, ocean, forests and our planet as a whole. We will celebrate our gorgeous planet with art, recycling projects, creating planet Earth in several ways. Our month will end with a beautiful Kids Klub Earth Day celebration week when we release our butterflies out into our environment as they emerge from their chrysalis allowing them to complete their lifecycles by laying eggs for the next generations of caterpillars. Literature, art, science and nature will all merge together in a month of magnificent learning and our incredible teachers will bring it all to life through stories, songs, dance, art, science, blocks, manipulatives, kitchen creation, balance and coordination, theater, dramatic play and more.

The children will continue with their Zoo Phonics lessons with letter recognition in the capital and lower case forms, the sound each letter makes and the beginning linkage of letters to form words. The calendar, numbers, letters, colors, shapes, patterns as well as basic math (Counting, sorting, fractions, geometry and patterns) and physics (motion, force, cause and effect) concepts are a focus as the children travel to all the learning centers. In addition to academic lessons, the children will also be working on social skills as they learn to take turns, share with one another and plan, problem solve and play together cooperatively.

Gross motor skills will be enhanced as they participate in the balance and coordination and music and movement lessons and play in the yard throughout their days and the lessons this month are all tied to weekly learning concepts surrounding the magic of Spring. Fine motor skills will be strengthened during manipulative learning center lessons when they also are learning basic math and spatial skills. They will practice lacing skills, count and create patterns with linking chains, and solve spatial problems through building puzzles. Fine motor will also be enhanced during art time as they draw, paint, cut, crumple and glue colorful tissue paper and use their fingers to mix and mush playdough to create amazing works of art. These activities all enhance not only math and creativity but also build writing skills. Writing practice for our older preschoolers takes place during our art time with special activities built into their visits to art center. For our younger preschoolers, beginning writing skills begin all around the center building finger and hand strength, spatial awareness and hand control and strength as they lace, connect, string, trace, puzzles and peg board play, color with fat crayons and markers with narrow writing utensils such as colored pencils and thinner markers and crayons coming a little later in the process, easel paint on a vertical easel surface helps with proper grip strength and spatial awareness and control, use stickers as part of an art project also promotes control and spatial awareness so that writing comes more naturally with these skills in place. There are so many more beautiful writing skill building opportunities all throughout the day at Kids Klub as the children cook in Kitchen Creation, pouring and stirring, cutting and using utensils to eat all lead to writing skills needed. Did you know that even Balance and Coordination core strengthening activities are an important part of learning how to write? The children spend their day at Kids Klub having fun, exploring, trying new things, playing with major purposes that we know are all so important but they only know it is all just a lot of fun!

Kitchen Creation strengthens not only fine motor skills and basic writing skills but also teaches in many ways math skills through learning to following recipes, sequencing by following directions, fractions through measuring whole, half, third, quarter and tsp, tsp of ingredients, stirring and mixing their own ingredients for a special healthy snack and creating batches of playdough that allow them to create and design with their little fingers masterpieces that they later paint in their art classes further strengthening their writing skills as they use all different sizes and kinds of paint brushes. And as a bonus- confidence, boosted self-esteem, life skills & independence come with each lesson and again enhanced and practiced as the children visit Hoppy's Home, School and Country Store, "shopping", "meal planning" and "creating meals" and "cooking and serving" the food to their friends and the baby dolls all on their own. Learning to "clean" the house, "pack the lunch box" for the babies going off to school, planning and shopping for a party or holiday for special guests or their friends, "mowing the lawn" and "fixing and building with the tools" in the workshop area are all valuable lessons that boost confidence in caring for themselves and as they grow up, allowing them to contribute to their households and families.

With the season of Spring upon us, this month's science will include hands-on learning about life sciences where the children will have the opportunity to watch the hatching and growth of caterpillars as they eat and eat, doubling and tripling +++ in size. They will also study many types of baby animals as we continue our year long journey through the animal kingdom. The children will learn the adult and baby names of many animals, where they live, what they eat and what sounds they make. We will also specifically learn about animals that hatch from an egg- tiny, big or small eggs and then follow the lifecycles of the caterpillar, praying mantis, and silkworms right in the classroom. Later this year the children will also learn and witness firsthand the lifecycle of the ant and the ladybug which also hatch from eggs. Science lessons takes us through a lot of life science, social science and biological science that will help the children understand and make sense of the world around them. We will also be learning Physics and Engineering concepts as we learn about wind and the power the wind has to create power, lift an airplane, and helicopter, move vehicles such as sailboats and airboats, lift and fly a kite and also damage things when the weather becomes extreme. We will visit the Blocks & Trains learning center where the children will be flying airplanes and helicopters around the learning center after learning about what an airport is and then planning, designing and building an airport with their classmates so the planes will have a runway to land on and the helicopters will have a heliport. They will also learn about the airport tower and the role of air traffic controllers, and all the other many careers that can be had working at the thousands of airports around our country and world. They will also be rolling vehicles and balls down ramps, boards, bridges and roads they have planned and created witnessing Physics lessons first hand.

Our month will end with an amazing week of combined literature, art, science, theater, music and natural miracles as we witness the emerging of the butterfly from its chrysalis. The children will be watching this lifecycle development all month and will get to be a part of the release of the local species of butterflies out into nature. We will also be continuing to watch and wait for our silkworms to transform and praying mantis egg cases to hatch which will take a little longer than the butterflies but will be well worth it in amazement. Earth Day will be celebrated in nature's wonder and magic as the children watch the butterflies fly off to places all around the playground. It is our hope they will stick around so the children can continue to enjoy them for days to come and then if lucky we may even find the baby caterpillars hatching after the eggs they lay on our leaves hatch and start the whole lifecycle again. Why do we teach these lessons? Education and understanding create love, passion and caring for living environments and the creatures that live in them. We want Kids Klub children to love and understand the world they live in so that they will be passionate about protecting and caring for it throughout their lifetime. By teaching them all about it, letting them watch the miracles and magic of nature, learn about ways they can contribute to habitats and the animals that live in them as well as the communities and parks the children and their families live and play in, we are giving them tools they need to make a positive impact on the world around them.

Please take time to review your child's learning experience at Kids Klub and use this information to further the learning experience at home, in your community, at your local parks or on a trip to the beach or hike in the mountains. Ask specific questions about each day and let your child share the exciting day they had at school as well as show you the new skills they have learned. We hope you enjoy reading about what your child will be learning each and every day at Kids Klub and seeing in detail the incredible work the Kids Klub teachers are doing to provide enhanced learning opportunities for each child in a special way each child learns best.

Sincerely,

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Curriculum Director

### Spring is Here, Windy Weather, Hoppy's Olympics, Taking Care of our Planet Earth & Hungry Caterpillar Butterfly Release Earth Day Celebration

**WEEK 31** Windy Weather is Fun, Hoppy's Olympics and Baby Animals are born in Spring! **Letters:** Kk for kite, Ww for wind Oo is for Olympics, Bb is for Baby Animal **Numbers:** 1-20 **Colors:** Colors of Spring **Shape:** Diamond & Kite **Patterns:** 1212

**Daily Circle:** Flag Salute & Pledge of Allegiance, Calendar, Numbers, Months, Days, Names, Letters, Colors, Patterns, Shapes, Weather- Sunshine, Rain, Wind, Seasons, Songs, Stories, Discussion and Sharing. Spring is a Season. and names of adult and baby animals (English, Spanish & Mandarin). How am I feeling? What is my mood? Happy, Sad, Angry/mad, energetic/calm. What is wind? Weather involving wind, hurricanes, tornadoes and how wind helps us do fun things like kite-flying, sail boating, giant windmills making alternate type of energy with need for our homes and communities, wind can be loud, gentle, wild, calm, quiet. Why are baby animals born in springtime? What are the 4 seasons and the weather in each season. Concepts: large/small (mom/baby) big/little, soft/hard, loud/quiet, What are the Olympics and what are "athletes" that compete at the Olympics? How do you become an athlete?

**Songs:** Hello how are you?  
This is number ...  
Little Bunny Foo Foo  
Days of the Week  
Diamond, Diamond what do you see?

**Books:** Read and Assortment of Books with the Themes:  
Spring Time - Windy Weather  
Animals that Hatch from Eggs  
Baby Animals  
Butterflies and Lifecycles

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Art	Work on your Art Museum Art Projects and Hoppy's Olympic Art projects as well. Olympic Torch	Continue on Museum and Olympic Art - Olympic Rings	Museum and Olympic Art Projects - flag for the Olympics	Museum and Olympic Art Project time- finish up what still needs to be done.	Complete Museum Art & have fun using your Olympic Art today. See Pm art

**PM Art:** Complete the morning art projects that still need to be created- Art Museum, Hoppy's Olympics, then work on a colorful kite, spring windssock, straw blown "Wind" painting, easel painting of a windy day, blown bubble/paint creation & paint your Baby Animal Playdough Creations from Kitchen Creation after they dry if time permits. If not, then you can work on these creations next week. Lots of amazing art getting done this week and next!

**Balance & Coordination: Hoppy's Olympic Practice Week**-Read a book about the Olympics and athletes and get ready for all the fun activities you will be participating in for Hoppy's Olympics. What is each activity called & how do you do the activity? Practice with your friends so you are ready for the big day. Build those large muscle groups, balance & spatial skills-have fun practicing as you go around the course. Then Parachute Play with the wind taking the parachute up filled with air, then down as you push out the air from underneath-coordinate you're your classmates to make the parachute go up and down. Add a ball and see if you can throw the ball up in the air.

**Blocks/Trains: Lesson 1:** Read a book about the Power of the Wind, Airplanes and Airports: The Power of the Wind is mighty -it is so strong it can lift a plane. Build a runway with your friends and fly airplanes up into the air, flying around the classroom and then landing back down on the runway. Next: add roads for the airport vehicles to travel down - fuel trucks, food trucks, luggage trucks all are needed at the airport. Make a parking lot and roads for all the passengers to come and park at the airport. Have fun designing and building cooperatively with your class - how big can your creation get if everyone pitches in? (encourage imagination and cooperation) **Lesson 2:** Read a book about Who works at the airport? Read about Airplanes, helicopters and airports. Discuss all the jobs to be done at an airport? Do you like fixing things? You can be an airplane mechanic or engineer. What about helping people check-in for their flight, help them with their luggage? What kinds of community helpers help a pilot safely fly a plane to and from the airport? Have fun with airport construction and designs you and your classmates come up with - where do the passengers check in and wait for their planes? Where does the plane park when it lands? How does the plane get gas for its big engines that help fly the plane with the wind? Be the Pilot and practice take off and landings of the airplanes on the runways and fly around the room before you come in for a landing, be a Pilot and fly the helicopter all around the room making landings and take off at the heliport. Discuss what is the airport Tower for? What is an Air Traffic Controller? What is a Pilot?

**Dramatic Play Time: Hoppy's General Store, Home and School Lessons:** Read a book about the Olympics then: Let's cook a dinner for all the athletes that are going to compete in Hoppy's Olympics this week. Athletes need very healthy foods so their bodies are strong and ready for the fun games they will play at the Olympics. Go shopping for a rainbow of foods and then cook up your food and serve it in the diner or over in Hoppy's Home at the dining table. Don't forget to clean the house. Teach the babies what you have been learning about in school - have fun playing with felt, gears and magnets-practice the names of the baby animals, and work on the names of things that are powered or lifted up by the wind like an airplane, a parachute, a kite. Cook the healthy food- remember we all need to eat the colors of the rainbows in fruits and vegetables. What colors of fruits and vegetables did you shop for? Set the table and serve it to our friends. Use your manners and have fun cooking, cleaning and caring for the babies. Role modeling & learning life skills is important. Our Teachers are a part of the action- teaching & role modeling as a chef, a diner, a grocery store clerk, a mom teaching the children how to care for the baby dolls or fix things in the workshop -they challenge thought and problem solving through questions you ask and problems you present that need solving.

**Kitchen Creation:** Read a Book about Cool Windy Weather and then: Make “healthy” Hot Chocolate using Ovaltine mixed with milk to warm up on a windy day (hot/cold, warm/cool, develop weather identification skills). Then make our own playdough and create Baby Animals of all kinds. What baby animal is your favorite? Talk about measuring and amounts of ingredients needed to make a batch of dough for your class and how much do you need if you are making your own batch in your own bowl. Everyone can mix up their own ingredients with their fingers and then have fun creating beautiful creations. Let your creations dry and paint them in pastel colors during an afternoon art session.

**Library Time:** Kids Klub is filled with books everywhere in every learning center and classroom. Read, Read, Read about the Weather, the Seasons and the coming of Spring, Baby Animals, The Olympics and being an Athlete and having Good Sportsmanship, Animals that Hatch from Eggs, Taking care of our Earth and more- stop along the way to review vocabulary and ask questions. What is the Beginning? Middle? And End of the story? Is the story real or fictitious? / Make believe? **Then this week, have the children start making up a class story – what is the Beginning, Middle and end of the story? What are the characters in the class story? Keep adding to the story over the course of the day and week.** Enjoy these reading times and discussions all throughout your day incorporating the lessons and learning concepts into everything the children are doing from making playdough to building with blocks- these are all opportunities to teach and make connections in all types of learners. Read at Circle Time, before each learning lesson, at snack time, lunchtime & right before naptime. End your day with stories and discuss about what you have learned from all the books you have read during each day. Build & connect concepts from week to week.

**Puzzles & Manipulatives:** Counting, sorting, patterning, adding and subtracting all come to life with manipulatives. Let children explore and play with the chosen collection of manipulatives then give them a problem to solve or pattern to build. This week we will be using some counting, patterning, and problem solving small motor skill toys. Play, sorting, counting and pattern making will be connected to our number, letters, patterns and colors of the week. We will also be using our collection of puzzles for problem solving, spatial skill building as well as learning concepts based on each puzzle. Help the children identify what is on their puzzles- can you see the wind? A kite?, a baby animals? This builds new vocabulary as they problem solve the puzzle. For greater challenge, mix up more than one puzzles pieces and have the children figure out which pieces go with what puzzle. Brain development of the “math” connection kind will be happening. Most of all-math learning will be fun!

**Music & Movement:** It is a beautiful Spring day-head outside if weather permits-it is time to play Simon Says, Musical Leaves & Freeze Dance (practice following instructions & having fun with friends). Then create your calming space with your yoga mat, calm your body with a Spring Yoga Story outside in the fresh air if-Move slow, Stretch big & Breathe Deep and each child should unroll and roll-up their own Yoga mats not only “creating” their calming space but also practicing and strengthening your fine motor skills.

**Science: Lesson 1:** Wind is wonderful – wind is powerful and can help us in many ways, How does wind help fly a kite? lift an airplane so we can travel far? Help birds fly? Wind can also be dangerous like in the form of a tornado or hurricane, damage can be done. Let’s talk about how wind feels on our face? in our hair? Turn on the fan and feel the breeze – head outside if it is a windy day and feel the wind. Can you hear the wind? Can you see the wind? Have fun following the Science Instruction Sheet (windy weather-cause and effect, physics concepts)

**Lesson 2:** Animal Kingdom: Baby Animals Grow-Up-Read a baby animal book or two- talk about what you see – do the babies look like their Moms? Then- Let’s watch and learn about lots of different baby animals, what they are called, what their mother looks like, what sound they make and what they eat and what they look like when they grow up. (Animal Science & listening skills)

**Theater:** Read about the Wind and Spring-time, turn on a fan that makes wind: Pretend you are in very windy weather - the wind is strong, it is pushing you back, you are trying hard to walk forward but the wind is pushing on your body and you can’t move forward very easily. Now pretend you are a tornado – a big ball of swirling wind, turning and turning as you travel forward. Now pretend you are a rain storm with lightning and thunder. And now you are a little flower seed that was planted in the dirt and after the rain, the sun comes out and you spout, you grow leaves and your stem grows tall. You form a bud and the bud grows and grows and a flower forms inside. You slowly start to open up, to bloom one petal at a time, you bloom into this beautiful flower. What is your favorite part of springtime? Is it the weather?, the baby animals? the flowers blooming? Act out your favorite parts of this wonderful season.

### Spring is Here, Windy Weather, Hoppy's Olympics, Taking Care of our Planet Earth & Hungry Caterpillar Butterfly Release Earth Day Celebration

**WEEK 32** Weekly Learning Concept: Animals that hatch from eggs Letters: Ee for egg and Aa - Zz Numbers: 1-20  
 Colors: Spring colors Shape: Oval (eggs) Patterns: 112211221122

**Daily Circle:** The United States Flag, Flag Salute & Pledge of Allegiance, Calendar, Numbers, Months, Days, Names, Letters, Colors, Patterns, Shapes, Weather-Sunshine, Rain, Wind, The 4 Seasons, Songs, Stories, Discussion and Sharing. Spring is a Season. and names of animals (English, Spanish & Mandarin), How am I feeling? What is my mood? Happy, Sad, Angry, Excited What is an egg? What types of animals lay eggs? What does hatch mean? What hatches from eggs? In Science we will be learning about Animal and insect lifecycles- what is a lifecycle? What is Metamorphosis? & Baby animals are born in Spring. Concepts: large/small ( eggs, mom/baby, child/adult,)

**Songs:** 5 Green and Speckled Frogs

I'm a Little Chicken

Today is....

12 Months in a Year

5 Little Ducks went out one day

**Books:** Read an assortment of stories about:

The Season Spring - Spring Weather

Animals that hatch from Eggs

Life-Cycles

The Life of a Butterfly

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Art-</b>	Paint a baby bird (s) that hatch from eggs & glue colorful feathers	Finger-painting Fun with Spring Colors	Easel paint your favorite baby animal that hatches from an egg	Create a popsicle stick pop-up animals that hatch from eggs	Cut, color & create an animal that hatches from egg puppet

**PM Art:** Paint your play-dough creations after they dry, Dot Paint Your Name and if you were not able to finish last week's windy weather art... then work on a colorful kite, spring windssock, straw blown "Wind" painting, easel painting of a windy day, blown bubble/paint creation & paint your Baby Animal Playdough Creations from Kitchen Creation from last week. Most of all have fun building not only creativity but also fine motor skills and writing skills.

**Balance & Coordination:** This week we will be having Relay Races of all kinds (outdoors if weather permits)-enjoy the springtime weather as you work together with your team to: 1) Carry the "egg" on the spoon to the goal line and back to the next player on your team. 2) Pass the egg over and under to the end of the team and then back to the beginning of the line. 3) Like a Penguin, carry the egg on your feet across the yard around the cone and back to the next player on the team. 4) Walk backwards carrying the egg on a spoon to the goal line dump in bucket and turn around and run back. There are so many ways to have relay races so if time permits after the above 4 races, have fun trying lots of different ways with EGGS of course. (enhance large motor skills, friendly competition and connect the weekly learning concepts and vocabulary to grow motor skills for long-term learning.)

**Blocks & Trains: Lesson 1:** Ramps and Balls - physics lessons using different sizes and lengths inclines to determine if the balls will travel farther or faster, slower or just stop based on position, angle, length, type of ball or vehicle used and the condition of the road on the ramp. Use the ramp kits with the wooden balls, but also let the children test using the wooden building block ramps as well. Help them to problem-solve why their vehicle has fallen off the ramp or did not go as fast as they hoped. Have the children set up their ramps and race each other as they set the ball or vehicle rolling down the ramp. Let each child send a ball or vehicle down the ramps and see which of their vehicles or balls goes the farthest across the room. Use the textured ramps to see which obstacles in the road slow the balls down the most. Which textures help the balls go farther or faster? Choose ramps of different lengths, widths, textures etc. and pair them with different sized balls & vehicles. Ask questions - see if the children can speed up their ball or vehicle by changing the ramp incline or texture on the "road". There is so many ways to test the children's hypotheses with these teaching toys. **Lesson 2:** Repeat the Ramps Lesson for some more hypothesis testing OR Have fun building a town with railroads and roads, houses and businesses- build a whole town with your friends. Make sure you can get to each other's homes with roads and that the train tracks go all the way around and connect. What other things does a town need in it? Have fun constructing your town and then playing in the town with all the people, animals and vehicles. Please remember to allow proper clean up time for your class to sort and place all the blocks and toys back on the shelves. If your class needs extra time, help them learn that the faster they can clean up properly, the more play time they will have working on the block projects we are building and learning from. (spatial learning, STEM Planning, Problem Solving and imagination).

**Dramatic Play Time: Hoppy's General Store, Hoppy's Home and School Lessons: Discussion:** Let's cook a healthy dinner for all the baby animals that hatch out of eggs that we are learning about. What are their names and what do they eat? Now have fun going shopping for food and then cook up your food, set the table and serve it in the diner area or over in Hoppy's Home. Who (which baby animals) are you making your special dinner for? Don't forget to clean the house. Go shopping to find the healthy ingredients and also if possible teach the babies what you have been learning about in school - have fun playing with felt, gears and magnets in the schoolhouse. Practice using your manners. Role modeling & learning life skills are important.

**Kitchen Creation:** Make scrambled eggs-Be extra safe- wash hands before and after touching eggs. Feel the egg, crack the egg, what color is an egg, what is inside an egg, how does it cook up when heat is added? Adding heat to cook the eggs is a Chemistry Science Experiment. If time permits, make playdough and create different size eggs we are learning about and baby animals that hatch out of eggs. What baby animal that hatches out of an egg is your favorite? Talk about measuring and amounts of ingredients needed to make a batch of dough for your class and how much do you need if you are making your own batch in your own bowl. Talk about each size measuring cup and measuring spoon and the names of the ingredients we put in our playdough. What

other things can we make with these ingredients? Everyone can mix up their own ingredients with their fingers and then have fun creating beautiful creations. Let your creations dry and paint them in pastel colors during afternoon art.

**Library Time:** Kids Klub is filled with books everywhere in every learning center and classroom. Read, Read, Read Spring, Baby Animal, Animals that Hatch from Eggs, Taking care of our Earth books along with all the other themed books we have for this month- stop along the way to review vocabulary and ask questions. What is the Beginning? Middle? And End of the story? Is the story real or fictitious?/ Make believe? Then- this week, have the children start making up a class story - what is the Beginning, Middle and end of the story? What are the characters in the class story? Keep adding to the story over the course of the day and week. Enjoy these reading times and discussions all throughout your day incorporating the lessons and learning concepts into everything the children are doing from making playdough to building with blocks - these are all opportunities to teach and make connections in all types of learners. Read at Circle Time, before each learning lesson, at snack time, lunchtime & right before naptime. End your day with stories and discuss about what you have learned from all the books you have read during each day. Build on & connect learning concepts from week to week and month to month.

**Puzzles & Manipulatives:** This week we are using only the Eggs Crates Manipulatives to practice matching our shapes, numbers, colors and alphabet while connecting to our learning concept of Eggs and Animals that Hatch from Eggs. Put out each kind of matching egg crates in different areas of the room so they do not get all mixed up and have fun matching colors, shapes and letters and numbers with all our eggs. Make sure they are all properly matched back up by the end of the visit so they are ready for the next class arriving. Do not leave the learning center until these sets are all back together. We will also be using our collection of puzzles for problem solving, spatial skill building as well as the learning concepts based on each puzzle. Help the children identify what is on their puzzles. This builds new vocabulary as they problem solve the puzzle. For greater challenge, mix up more than one puzzle pieces and have the children figure out which pieces go with what puzzle. Lots of brain development of the "math" connection kind will surely be happening. Have fun!

**Music & Movement:** 1<sup>st</sup> play Extreme Egg Toss with the class - listen carefully to the talking egg and follow the instructions. Then if you need more "eggs" use the hot potatoes and pretend they are eggs. Play egg toss - start by facing a partner very close and toss the egg to each other then when told - step back 1 step and toss again until told to step back again 1 step keep repeating this practicing your tossing at a farther and farther distance from your partner. Next put on some Music and follow the leader on what Exercise the class is doing to the music (for example-dance, arms up in the air, squat down, do the twist, jumping jacks, jog in place, sit-ups) and then once you have done that for a while add the element of Freeze Dance to the mix and see how still everyone can be during the FREEZE holding their pose until the music starts again. (develop listening skills) If time is left, please read and do the poses in one of our Yoga Story Books to calm our bodies and get ready for our next activity.

**Science:** Lesson 1: Animals that hatch from eggs - What is a Lifecycle? Read about lifecycles and talk about different lifecycles of animals like the frog, chicken, silkworm, praying mantis, ladybugs and butterfly etc.. (learn about lifecycles) Study the eggs, larvae that come out of the eggs, caterpillars growing bigger and what discuss what comes next for our LIVE insects we are watching. Their quick lifecycle happen right before our eyes over the course of just days or a week or two. Work on sequences of a lifecycle as you talk about the animals that hatch out of eggs. What comes first? Last? And in the middle? Lesson 2: Animals that hatch from eggs Science Video- we will continue studying lifecycles and understanding the changes that are happening through the magic of science photography - seeing all kinds of animals that are born in the Spring.

**Theater:** Act out different animals that hatch from an egg and pretend to go through its lifecycle. First you are a little egg with an animal growing inside. Curl up on the ground all round like a tiny egg. Then- one day "crack" the egg starts to break open and the animal slowly comes out of the egg. If you are a chicken then you have to use your little beak to peck your way out of the egg. If you are a little turtle then you just push your way out of the egg, come up to the top of the sand where your egg is buried and start walking to the sea where you will live. You can be so many different animals: all kinds of birds like the tiny hummingbird lays the tiniest egg to the Penguin and the Ostrich which lay giant eggs, amphibians like gecko and reptiles like lizards and snakes, spiders, fish, insects like caterpillars, ladybugs, silkworms and praying mantis, snails, sharks, crabs, lobsters and much more in the sea. Fun Animal Kingdom Facts: The Platypus and 4 types of Spiny Anteaters called Echidna are the only 5 mammals that lay eggs and all 5 of these animals live in Australia - all other mammals give birth to live babies. (Science learning concepts connected with theatrical art, confidence building and self expression, fun)

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**WEEK 33** Weekly theme: Spring Is Coming, Spring Festivals Around the World and Easter Bunny Fun!

**Letters:** Bb for Bunny and Aa - Zz **Numbers:** review 1 - 20 **Colors:** What are Pastel Colors?

**Shapes:** Bunny Rabbit, Basket, Egg **Patterns:** ABCABC, 123123, Bunny Rabbit, Basket, Egg, Bunny Rabbit, Basket, Egg

**Daily Circle Time:** Flag Salute & Pledge of Allegiance, Calendar, Numbers, Months, Days, Names, Letters, Colors, Patterns, Shapes, Weather-Sunshine, Rain, Wind, Seasons, Songs, Stories, Discussion and Sharing. Spring is a Season. During Spring, plants and trees come to life with new leaves and flowers, many animal babies are born, growth and rebirth fill the season. Many people around the world celebrate the coming of Spring with Festivals and other fun types of parties and celebrations while other people celebrate with religious holidays and traditions like Easter and Passover. From the Hanami (Cherry Blossoms Festival) in Japan, the Songkran Water Festival in Thailand, Holi festival (the festival of color) in India, to the Floriade (Flower and Entertainment Festival) in Australia, the Beltane mythological spring equinox festivals of Ireland and Scotland, the medieval rooted festival in Switzerland called Sechselauten & the Marzanna festival in Poland representing a celebration of warm weather, growth, new life and the coming of spring -all of these festivals are filled with lots of fun activities. Here at Kids Klub we will be doing lots of fun Spring arts and crafts projects and having fun with scavenger and egg hunts outdoors in the Springtime weather. Find out what and how your friends celebrate holidays, festivals and religious holidays that take place during or honor the coming of Spring. What is an Easter Egg? Basket? Bunny?

**Songs:** Peter Cottontail  
I'm a Little Bunny  
Little Bunny Foo Foo  
12 Months in a Year

**Books:** Read an assortment of stories about: Spring Festivals Around the World  
The Season Spring, Windy Weather, Easter Egg Hunts, Easter Fun  
Baby Animals

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Art	Make/decorate a Spring "Basket" for the class egg hunt- white handle bags are available to use as a base	What is a Pastel Color? Create a Spring Art Painting using Pastel Water Colors	Make Bunny Ears Springtime headband and finish decorating your Spring "Basket" for the egg hunt.	Finger Painting with pastel colors outside with Signs of Spring all around us. Have fun with the textural experience	Multi-media art- Make some Spring flowers using construction paper, tissue paper, pipe cleaners & more

**PM Art Sessions:** Paint your dough creations; paint and decorate some Eggs in spring colors, stickers, glitter and more.

**Balance & Coordination:** Hopping like a bunny on 1 foot and with 2 feet practice. Set up a super fun Easter Bunny hopping course of colorful hoops and balance pathways and stepping stones. Go real slow around the course and then do it again real fast. Turn on some Bunny Hop Music and have fun exercising your body by doing the Bunny Hop Dance all along the way. End your fun session by stretching your body - standing up - reach for the sky, to the sides, touch your toes then laying down on the floor and stretch high above your head and hands out to your sides and take deep breathes as you stretch. Breathe deep and Calm your body for your next rotation.

**Blocks & Trains: Lesson 1:** Where do bunnies live? Read a book about Bunnies in the Wild and have fun building a bunny habitat with an assortment of blocks - make pathways for the bunnies to get from one bunny family den to another. **Lesson 2:** STEM: How do you get the Bunny from one side of the room to the other using all kinds of blocks when there is a (Blue Paper) RIVER running right in the middle of the room? Bunnies do not like to swim so analyze, plan, come up with possible solutions and then come together on how you will solve the problem and build. Be sure to test your creations and change them as needed. Have Fun!

**Kitchen Creation: Rice Crispy Treat Bunnies** - Ingredients: Rice Crispy Cereal, Butter and Marshmallows. Supplies Needed: Bowls, Microwave, Spoon, Parchment paper, Cookie Cutters. The children will have fun measuring, melting, mixing and cutting out their bunny treat. And ...We can also make our own playdough and create Signs of Spring, Bunnies, Spring flowers, Easter eggs and more this week. Wash hands first & then it is cooking and playdough making time. Talk about measuring and amounts of ingredients needed to make a batch for your whole class and how much do you need if you are making a batch just for one person - you. For playdough making, everyone can mix up their own ingredients with their fingers. Let your creations dry and paint them in pastel Spring colors during an afternoon art session.

**Library Time:** Kids Klub is filled with books everywhere in every learning center and classroom. Read, Read, Read about Spring Festivals Around the World, Spring is a Season - stop along the way to review vocabulary and ask questions. What is the Beginning? Middle? And End of the story? Talk about if the is story real or fictitious? Make believe? **Use puppets and funny voices to connect with each child.** Enjoy these reading times and discussions all throughout your day incorporating the lessons and concepts into everything the children are doing from making playdough to building with blocks - these are all opportunities to teach and make connections in all types of learners. Read at Circle

Time, before each learning lesson, at snack time, lunchtime & right before naptime. End your day with stories and discuss about what you have learned from all the books you have read during each day. Build on & connect book to book, concept to concept from week to week.

**Puzzles & Manipulatives:** Read a colorful Spring Celebrations book and then we will be using some sweet treat matching, shapes, numbers, and problem solving fine motor skill toys. Use the cookies, cupcakes, popsicles and more to set-up rotation learning stations. We will also be using our collection of puzzles for problem solving, spatial skill building as well as themed concepts based on each puzzle. Help the children identify what is on their puzzles. This builds new vocabulary as they problem solve the puzzle. For greater challenge, mix up more than one puzzle's pieces and have the children figure out which pieces go with what puzzle through studying the details of each piece. Lots of brain development of the "math" connection kind will surely be happening. Most of all-math learning will be fun! Remember to put everything back together properly sorting and matching all the pieces, building all the puzzles and finding all the pieces to each puzzle so that everything is complete.

**Music & Movement:** It is a beautiful Spring day-head outside - let's celebrate in Spring Festival Style -take the instruments, scarves and musical arm bands with you and have the children grab a yoga mat and you grab a yoga storybooks or two. Make Music and Dance with instruments, scarves and arm ribbons in the Spring weather. Then calm your body with a Yoga Story or two outside in the fresh air if the weather permits. Move, Stretch & deep breathe and make sure to have the children create their calm space by rolling out the yoga mat.

**Science Lesson 1:** Caring for our Planet Earth - read an Earth Day book about how we can help take care of Planet Earth. Enjoy learning about how we all can help care for this beautiful and special place we live. Follow the Science Instructions and have fun learning. Also don't forget to observe the lifecycle insects we are watching grow and change right before our eyes- How big are the caterpillars? Have they formed their Chrysalis yet? Are the silk worms growing larger? Is anything happening with the Praying Mantis Egg Cases? **Social Science**

**Lesson 2:** Spring Festivals around the World - Read Stories, Sing songs, Talk about Signs of Spring and learn about different types of Spring Festivals that happen all around the world. What and Why are they celebrating? What does each celebration entail? Are there special costumes? Food? Music? Colors? Traditions? Is there a show or parade or special meal that is served? Then Easter Bunny Fun - Read Easter Bunny Fun Books, discuss what the egg hunt will be like. Go outside to find Signs of Spring- Use your senses to see, hear, smell, touch. Color in your spring coloring book and don't forget to put your name on it so you can take it home and finish coloring it.

**Dramatic Play Time:** **Hoppy's General Store, Home and School Lessons:** Read a Spring Celebration Book and plan a Spring Party with your friends. **Hoppy's Home:** Cook a healthy Spring dinner full of Easter Bunny favorites. Make sure it is a healthy rainbow colored collection of foods- what will you be cooking that is Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo and Violet? What do you think the Easter Bunny eats? Set the table and serve it to our friends. Don't forget to clean the house and dress the babies for a special dinner party. Cook the food and use your manners as you all eat dinner together. **General Store:** Go shopping to find the perfect ingredients for your Spring Celebration dinner party - Spring Rainbow Dinner: what will you be cooking that is Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo and Violet? Don't forget to checkout at the registers and as a class, come back together to share what you have purchased in your shopping basket. Build vocabulary and colors of the rainbow skills as you share what is in your basket. Clean-up time is important for sorting and putting back the foods you have shopped for. **Hoppy's School:** Read a Spring Celebrations book and have fun teaching the babies what you are learning about the Season of Spring. Have fun using the Felt Boards, Magnets and Gears to teach with. Role modeling & learning life skills is important. Sorting all the foods, pots and pans, dishes and utensils and putting everything away properly on the shelves is an important part of the lesson.

**Theater Time:** Read a Springtime/Baby Animal Book and talk about the season of Spring and Baby Animals that are born during this time. What are the baby animal names? What sounds do they make? How do they move? Pick your favorite animal and tell your class why it is your favorite baby animal. Now pretend and act out with your friends a Springtime Parade of the animals making sounds and walking and moving as each animal does in nature. Switch animals and keep acting. Have Fun being silly, loving and kind just like baby animals are.



### Spring is Here, Windy Weather, Taking Care of our Planet Earth & Hungry Caterpillar Butterfly Release Earth Day Celebration

**WEEK 34** Weekly theme: The Very Hungry Caterpillar- Butterfly Release Earth Day Celebration **Letters:** Cc for caterpillar, Bb for butterfly, Ee is for Earth Day **Numbers:** 1- 20 **Colors:** Green and Yellow  
**Shape:** Caterpillar, Butterflies **Patterns:** 112233112233

**Daily Circle:** Flag Salute & Pledge of Allegiance, Calendar, Numbers, Months, Days, Names, Letters, Colors, Patterns, Shapes, Weather- Sunshine, Rain, Wind, Seasons, Songs, Stories, Discussion and Sharing and Zoo Phonics. Spring is a Season. and names of animals, fruits and vegetables all in English, Spanish and Mandarin. Celebrating Earth Day, How can I help take care of the Planet Earth? What is a caterpillar, butterfly, eggs, cocoons, chrysalis, metamorphosis, change is good, what do caterpillars eat, what happens to a caterpillar when it eats and eats? Discuss the book The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Study the Lifecycle of the Butterfly through all of our learning centers.

**Songs:** Butterfly Song  
 The color is,,,,,  
 Twinkle, Twinkle, Traffic Light  
 Oh Mr. Sun  
 Ms. Polly Had a Dolly

**Books:** Read an Assortment of books with the theme:  
 The Very Hungry Caterpillar  
 Bugs and Lifecycles  
 Baby Animals & Spring is a Special Season  
 Taking Care of Planet Earth-Earth Day

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Art	Create a Very Hungry Caterpillar using egg crates and pipe cleaners for antennae	Watercolor paint a beautiful butterfly	Create handprint butterflies	Cut and decorate tissue paper butterflies	Easel paint outdoors and watch for the butterflies we release to fly by

**PM Art:** Paint your play dough creations and create Hungry Caterpillar Art that adds to our learning adventure this week.

**Balance & Coordination:** Read the Hungry Caterpillar Story and Build a Hungry Caterpillar obstacle course as you read. Then: crawl like a caterpillar under and over, "eat" your way through the colorful food hoops in the order of the story, fly like a butterfly after it emerges from the chrysalis around the cones and then hop like a bunny on the numbered dots and pick up a spoon and carry the egg to the end of the course and dump it in the buckets. Have fun learning the story and building your gross motor skills along the way. (enhance gross motor skills)

**Blocks & Trains:** Read a Lifecycles and Earth Day Book and then have fun with Free Choice building with an assortment of blocks. Have the children build whatever they would like to build this week by themselves or with their friends. Ask them questions about their creation and create challenges by asking them to solve a problem. This is STEM learning at its finest. If they ask you a question, turn it right back at them with another question or problem they need to think about, plan, discuss, and solve. Enjoy this special time in the blocks room where imagination drives the lessons learned with a little special questioning thrown in. Please build in plenty of time for each child to put back properly and nicely stacked all the blocks they have been using to build with. Clean-up is a very part of the important lessons learned in the block area.

**Dramatic Play Time: Hoppy's General Store, Home and School Lessons:** Read and then have a Discussion: What did the Very Hungry Caterpillar Eat? Were they healthy choices of food? Let's help the hungry caterpillar get all the food he needs to eat and let's try to make his food choices very healthy. Have fun going shopping for food and then cook up your food and serve it in the diner or over in Hoppy's Home. Don't forget to clean the house. Go shopping to find the perfect ingredients and also if possible teach the babies what you have been learning about in school - have fun playing with felt, gears and magnets. Cook the food, Set the table and serve it to our friends. Used your manners and have fun cooking, cleaning and caring for the babies. Dress the babies warm it's still cool outside as winter turns to springtime. Role modeling & learning life skills is important. Carefully sort and put away all the toys - sorting is an important lesson as is clean up time.

**Kitchen Creation:** Let's make Cinnamon Dough Caterpillars and while they are baking we can make our own playdough and create a very hungry caterpillar complete with all his food choices or make the butterfly he turns into? Have fun and be extra safe wash hands first & then it is play dough mixing time. Talk about measuring and amounts of ingredients needed to make a batch of dough for your class and how much do you need if you are making your own batch in your own bowl. Talk about each size measuring cup and measuring spoon and the names of the ingredients we put in our playdough. What other things can we make with these ingredients? Everyone can mix up their own ingredients with their fingers and then have fun creating beautiful creations. Let all your creations dry and paint them during an afternoon art session.

**Library Time:** Read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and have a discussion about how he changes through the story. Also continue to read *Stories about Nature, Baby Animals, The Season Spring, Our Planet Earth, and Animals that live on our Earth.* Kids Klub is filled with books everywhere in every learning center and classroom. Read, Read, Read *Spring* - stop along the way to review vocabulary and ask questions. What is the Beginning? Middle? And End of the story? Is the story real or fictitious? / Make believe? Enjoy these reading times and discussions all throughout your day incorporating the lessons and themes into everything the children are doing from making playdough to building with blocks - these are all opportunities to teach and make connections in all types of learners. Read at Circle Time, before each learning lesson, at snack time, lunchtime & right before naptime. End your day with stories and discuss about what you have learned from all the books you have read during each day. Build on & connect learning concepts from week to week.

**Puzzles & Manipulatives:** Read *Hungry Caterpillar* and *Earth Day* books. Then: We will be using all things *Animals* and all things *Hungry Caterpillar* because we love the animals that live on our Earth. Work on Lacing all the *Hungry Caterpillar* and *Animal Shapes* we have; create with the *Animal connectors, Animal Slot-Together Builders, Color and Size Sequencing toys.* Talk about the animals and what habitat they live in on Earth. We will also be using our collection of puzzles for problem solving, spatial skill building as well as themed concepts based on each puzzle. Help the children identify what is on their puzzles. This builds new vocabulary as they problem solve the puzzle. For greater challenge, mix up more than one puzzle pieces and have the children figure out which pieces go with what puzzle.

**Music & Movement: Hungry Caterpillar** This week we will all be dancing with your arm ribbons, wrist bells and wonderful music to move to. Flow around the room with your arms up, arms down, and spinning all around. You are a beautiful butterfly that can fly. Play different types of music to move to - fly fast, fly slow, and enjoy moving carefully, gracefully around the room. If weather permits, this would be a fun lesson to take out side where you can soar around the play-yard like a butterfly. If time is left, please read and do the poses in one of our *Yoga Story Books* to calm our bodies and get ready for our next activity.

**Science: Lesson 1:** *Hungry Caterpillar: Animal lifecycles: Caterpillar to butterfly* - continue our lessons on the lifecycle of our Butterfly and hopefully this week we will witness the magic of nature as the butterfly emerges from the chrysalis to feed on some nectar, dry its wings and then take flight inside our special butterfly habitats until release day. We have taken special action to raise native butterflies that will add benefit not harm to our local environment and we are excited to release our butterflies as soon as they are ready to be released. (develop understanding of lifecycles, teach patience, metamorphosis)

**Lesson 2:** *Magic School Bus: Butterflies* will be a magical journey with Ms Frizzle to learn about the lifecycle of the butterfly in GREAT Magic School Bus Style. (science lesson, develop listening and sitting still skills)

**Theater:** On-stage animal play-the *Butterfly Lifecycle* and the *Hungry Caterpillar*-Act out the story - from a tiny egg, tiny caterpillar, and eating lots of different foods (apple, pears, plums, strawberries, oranges, chocolate cake, ice cream cone, pickle, Swiss cheese, salami, lollipop, cherry pie, sausage, cupcake, watermelon and a green leaf) to becoming a butterfly, there is so much to act out on stage. Have fun being dramatic and imaginative as well learn all about the mystery and magic of nature. (imagination and self confidence, science lessons, )