



Full STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) ahead right into Spring! April will be full of exciting Spring experiences and lessons at Kids Klub! Your child will be learning all about what comes with the season of Spring. From Easter Egg fun and games to windy weather, baby animals, animals that hatch from eggs, and the very hungry caterpillar, the magic of Spring will come alive at Kids Klub. We will also be celebrating Earth Day this month 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.

The children will also 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 they travel to the learning centers. In addition to academic lessons, they will also be working on social skills as they learn to take turns; share with one another 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. Fine motor skills will be strengthened during manipulative learning center lessons when they learn and practice lacing skills, linking chains, puzzles and more as well as during art time as they paint and draw their amazing works of art. Kitchen Creation strengthens fine motor and math skills through following recipes, following directions, measuring, stirring and mixing their own batches of playdough.

With the season of Spring upon us, this month's science will include hands-on learning about baby animals as we continue our journey through the animal kingdom learning the names of many animals, where they live, what they eat and what sounds they make. We will also be learning Physics concepts as we hands-on study about the power of the wind and all that can be affected by it. The children will feel the wind on their face, and see firsthand what wind can do to ribbons on their arms, the airplanes that we fly and the pinwheels that we will be playing with. We will also begin to learn about all the animals that hatch from an egg and the life cycles of the caterpillar, praying mantis, mealworms and silkworms and later this year the children will also learn the lifecycle of the ant and the ladybug. The month of science takes us through a lot of life sciences and biology and several types of physics experiences with very valuable lessons to be learned that will help them understand and make sense of the world around them.

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 all 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.

Please take time to review your child's learning experience at Kids Klub and use this information to further the learning experience at home. Ask specific questions about each day and let your child share the exciting day they had at school. We hope you enjoy reading about what your child will be learning each and every day at Kids Klub.

Sincerely,

Bambi Wojciechowski
Curriculum Director



Monthly Theme: Spring is Here and Easter Bunny Comes to Kids Klub

WEEK 30 Weekly theme: Spring Is Coming and Easter Bunny Fun! **Letters:** Bb for Bunny and Aa - Zz **Numbers:** 1-10
Colors: What are Pastel Colors? **Shape:** Bunny Rabbit, Basket, Egg **Patterns:** Bunny Rabbit, Basket Egg, Bunny Rabbit, Basket, Egg

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. Easter is a holiday with lots of fun activities. It is also a religious holiday for some people like Kwanza, Passover and Christmas are for others. Find out how your friends celebrate holidays like Easter. What is an Easter Egg? Easter Basket? An Easter Bunny?

Songs: I'm a Little Chicken
 A Happy Easter
 Where Is Thumbkin?
 Peter Cottontail
 Little Bunny Foo Foo
 Old MacDonald Had a Baby Animal Farm

Books: Read an Assortment of Books with the Themes:
 Spring Time, Easter Egg Hunts, Easter Fun
 Windy Weather, Baby Animals
 Life-cycles and Butterflies

Art	Start making from scratch or decorating a Spring Basket for the class egg hunt on Friday	What is a Pastel Color? Create using Pastel Water Colors a Spring Art Painting	Make Bunny Ears and finish your Spring Basket for the egg hunt.	Finger Painting with pastel colors outside with Signs of Spring all around us.	Make Spring flowers using construction paper, tissue paper, pipe cleaners & more
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PM Art Sessions: Paint your dough creations, decorate some Easter Eggs and make a beautiful Spring Banner with your class.

Balance & Coordination: 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. Exercise your body by doing the Bunny Hop Dance all along the way. Stretch 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.

Blocks/Trains: Lesson 1: Where do bunnies live? 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 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. Have Fun!

Kitchen Creation: Covid is still here so no cooking and eating our creations quite yet. But we can make our own playdough and create Easter Bunnies, Spring flowers, Easter eggs and more this week. 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 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 Easter Fun, Spring, Baby Animal, animals that hatch from eggs, Taking care of our Earth books with all the other themed books we have- 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? **Use puppets and funny voices to connect with each child.** 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 learner. 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 themes from week to week.



Puzzles & Manipulatives: Manipulatives are meant to be touched, moved, and handled to allow children to build math skills and solidify understanding. Young children need very concrete real objects to learn from and using more than one object/manipulative set helps your children understand the concept more deeply. Counting, sorting, patterning, adding and subtracting all come to life with manipulatives. Let children explore and play with the manipulatives first then give them a problem to solve or pattern to build. This week we will be using some counting, patterning, counting and problem solving small motor skill toys. Play, sorting, counting and pattern making will be connected. 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. Lots of brain development of the "math" connection kind will surely be happening. Most of all-math learning will be fun!

Music & Movement: It is a beautiful Spring day-head outside if weather permits - 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

Science Lesson 1 Easter Fun - Read Stories, Sing songs, Talk about Signs of Spring and discuss what the egg hunt will be like. Decorate some Easter eggs, talk about pastel versus bright colors. **Science 2** is back to dinosaur week and a fun dinosaur science video teaching us more about the dinosaurs that roamed the earth millions of years ago.

Dramatic Play Time: Hoppy's General Store, Home and School Lessons: Let's cook a healthy dinner of dinosaur favorites and a healthy rainbow colored collection of foods- what will you be cooking that is Red Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo and Violet? Who are you making your special dinner for? 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 them warm it's still winter time. Role modeling & learning life skills is important.

Theater Time: First talk about Springtime and Baby Animals that are born in the spring. What are their 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.



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WEEK 31 Weekly theme: Windy weather is fun and Baby Animals are born in Spring! Letters: Kk for kite, Ww for wind and Aa - Zz review Numbers: 1-10 Colors: Colors of Spring Shape: Diamond and a Kite Patterns: 12121212

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 animals (English and Spanish), How am I feeling? What is my mood? Happy, Sad, Angry/mad, energetic/calm. What is wind? Weather involving wind, kite-flying, in like a lion out like a lamb, ferocious, wild, loud, gentle, calm, quiet, baby animals born in springtime, seasons and the weather in each season. Concepts: large/small (mom/baby) big/little, soft/hard

Songs: Hello how are you?

This is number ...

The Wheels on the Bus

Days of the Week

Diamond, Diamond what do you see?

Books: Read and Assortment of Books with the Themes:

Spring Time

Windy Weather

Baby Animals

Butterflies and Lifecycles

Art	Make a colorful kite	Create a spring windsock	Make a straw blown painting	Create an easel painting	Make a blown bubble/paint creation
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PM ART: Paint your dough creations, practice cutting and pasting a Springtime Collage, dot painting creations

Balance & Coordination: Build those large muscle groups- legs and abdomen muscles, balance and spatial skills-have fun around the course: Jump rope, hula hoop and stepping stones (enhance gross motor skills)

Blocks/Trains: **Lesson 1:** Play with trains and lots of tracks and add roads for the vehicles cooperatively with your class - how big can your creation get if everyone pitches in? (encourage imagination and cooperation) **Lesson 2:** Build with 20 big/small blocks, wooden blocks and animals- how many can you stack up? What is the best strategy to get the most blocks stacked tall? Then have fun knocking them down and rebuilding over and over again. How could we protect our tower of blocks from the wind? Wind is so strong that sometimes it can knock down buildings.

Dramatic Play Time: Hoppy's General Store, Home and School Lessons: Let's cook a healthy dinner for all the baby animals we are learning about. What are their names and what do they eat? Go shopping and then cook up your food and serve it in the diner 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 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 them warm it's still winter time. Role modeling & learning life skills is important.

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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? (enhance understanding of windy weather-cause and effect, physics concepts) Lesson 2: Animal Kingdom: Baby Animals Grow-Up – 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. Some animals change a lot when they grow up. (Animal Science & enhance listening skills)

Theater: 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.