



Busy Bees April - 2025

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

Welcome Spring! We welcome the warm sunshine and look forward to watching for signs of spring and exploring the changes that take place during this beautiful season. We will have caterpillars delivered after vacation and look forward to watching them grow and go through their life cycle right in our own classroom!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER:

Scholastic book orders are due on Wednesday, April 9th. Please order online www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. (Our code is HBMN4).

APRIL THEME:

Zoo Animals
I Love the Earth!

SAVE THE DATE:

Our year-end family picnic is Monday, June 9th (MWF class) and Tuesday, June 10th (TTH Class). It will be at 9:30 AM at Hampden Memorial Park. **This will be rain or shine!** More information about this great event will be in the May/June newsletter.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

We still have openings in both classes. Feel free to spread the word! A Tuition Deposit letter will go out at the end of the month to all who registered.

NO SCHOOL:

We are closed from April 18th-25th for April vacation.

A MESSAGE ABOUT SECOND STEP FOR OUR MWF CLASS

Laurel Manley has been working with our MWF class this year most Wednesdays on a program called Second Step. This program helps develop children's self-regulation skills and social-emotional competence. Here is an update on what we are learning.

"Recently, our Second Step lessons have extended beyond recognizing and empathizing with feelings in others to managing strong feelings within ourselves. Using modeling with puppets, Gus and Ava, the children have learned several ways to calm down when feeling angry or frustrated. These include naming the feeling, putting your hand on your tummy, and taking deep breaths (you'll feel your tummy grow bigger and smaller). We've discussed how some people can further calm down by doing something active, like running or playing ball, while others prefer to do something quiet, like looking at books. Once calm, you can focus more clearly on solving the problem that caused the negative feelings.

Lessons between now and the end of our school year will focus on problem solving skills and fair ways to play. In problem solving we learn to name the problem and think of solutions. When playing fairly we can trade, take turns, or play together with a toy. These are the skills needed for making and keeping friends."

NATURE WALK:

Included in this newsletter is a nature scavenger hunt. We have been doing number and letter hunts in the classroom. They love putting the paper on a clip board and checking off their findings. I encourage you to take a walk, put the list on a clip board, and let them check off their findings!