

APRIL

Green Room- Mrs. Sarah & Ms. Briana

CHALK Preschool- Manhattan Beach

This month is all about D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read). For the first week we will learn about some of our favorite authors. We will begin the week by talking about Dr. Seuss and creating Truffula Tree's out of cotton balls, paint and colorful paper straws. Then we will dive into creating Dr. Seuss's Cat in the Hat's famous hat by building our first names as the stripes. To top it off students will practice their balancing and counting skills by stacking 10 apples using play dough in between each apple! Then, to round out the week we will talk about James Dean, the creator of Pete the Cat. Students will use their fine motor skills to trace a path from the colored shoe to the item Pete the Cat stepped in such as blueberries and strawberries. We will also create our own Pete the Cat shoes by stamping and painting with marshmallows on a cut out of a white shoe!

Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales will be our topic the second week of April. Humpty Dumpty had a great fall, all over the carpet! Children will match corresponding lettered half of eggs to put Humpty back together again. Friends will create one of their own bears from Goldilocks and the Three Bears by painting a white lunch bag brown and adding the ears, nose, eyes and mouth. Friends will use tweezers and pumpkin seeds to count the correct number of seeds to place on Jack's beanstalk. Using foam shapes students will match corresponding shapes onto a pig's belly. To end the week students will build their own houses just like The Three Little Pigs using straw, wood (popsicle sticks) and bricks (construction paper).

Earth Day is April 22nd! In honor of Earth Day, we will have Earth week by exploring and discussing ways to help save the earth. To start off our conversation students will collect lettered "trash" from the floor and match the letter to the corresponding lettered trashcan. Friends will get messy creating earth oobleck by mixing cornstarch, water and blue and green food coloring. Time to reuse everyday materials, students will shred newspaper and glue the pieces onto a paper and complete their art piece by adding watercolors. To complete our earth week children will build AB patterns using pictures of recycling bins, earth and trash cans. Remember we should always think of how we can help earth, not just for this one week!

To round out the month we will talk about more authors for D.E.A.R month. We will be reading books by Eric Carle. To go along with the Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See book children will be creating AB patterns with colored bears. Students will also build their first names using circles with letters to build a caterpillar for the story The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Friends will also use balls to stamp with creating a caterpillar. We will "catch clouds" (cotton balls) with tweezers to count and place inside numbered jars. To end our week about Eric Carle we will re-in act the story Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear? using pictures of each animal in the story and place them in sequential order.



During the month of April parents will be able to sign up for a time to come and read to our class. The available times will be during circle time (9:00am) or after naptime (3:00pm). Feel free to bring a book of your choice or one of your child's

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

April 1st- 5th
SPRING BREAK
(NO SCHOOL)

APRIL 16th-17th
PARENT TEACHER
CONFERENCES

APRIL 23rd-24th
PICTURE DAY
(8:00-12:00)

APRIL 22nd
EARTH DAY



STAR OF THE WEEK

APRIL 8th-12th

Cameron

APRIL 15th-19th

Marcus

APRIL 22nd-26th

Eve

APRIL 29th- MAY 3rd

Ashton