

## What We've Been Doing...

\*\*The Week before our Spring Break, on "W" Week, the children were getting excited about the changing Weather, looking forward to the new warmer season. We talked about Wind and Water cycle and what happens when warm and cold air mixes to prepare them for why we need to have a storm safety drill. They all did great doing the safety position during our storm safety drill. For the drill we go out to the big hallway, and we call the safety position a "Turtle Tuck Down" for our preschool age students-- to make the drill not sound so frightening. That week the children had fun at the "obstacle course" that we set up where the children physically experienced those position terms as they followed the course going over hurdles, crawling through a play tunnel, and several other position words to complete the course. As we begin the new season of **SPRING** we have been observing the changes we see in our Science Garden and our Nature Playground! In our classroom we have added several items related to spring in the Learning Centers, and the students decorated our classroom by cutting out colorful spring birds and bird houses.

\*\*This past week started with our special Easter Celebration. The highlight of the day was the **Easter Bunny** visiting at Kinder Haus! To let him know where our big Easter basket is placed, the students always make signs at Literacy Time. During our Easter Egg hunt the 3-day class discover letters of the alphabet inside their eggs, and the 2-day class play a little color matching game with the eggs that they find. We thank the parent volunteers who helped with activities or provided the Easter items! Even though I was not back from my trip to San Diego, I enjoyed hearing all about the Easter fun from the students when I returned to school...I certainly had a special Easter with my family during our trip!

We finished the week with our focus on spring time planting of seeds and the life cycle of living things. Our April activities include **Safety Awareness** for our students, and this week we hope you read and discussed with your child the special booklets that went home about **Child Abuse Awareness**.

Week of April 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

**REMEMBER:** School will be in session on Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> as a Make-Up Day for 3-day classes, and 2-day PM students have the option to come also that day to make up for a day they missed during the winter.

## Letter "Y" Week

As we celebrate Letter "Y" it's fun to practice Yodeling with our puppet "Yodeling Yak! The students will learn the movements to a circle dance song called "Yippy, Yippy, Yee". The 3-day class will need to bring **their picture for the letter activity page** that we will do on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*\*This week's special activities for APRIL...

## Our Focus On Child Safety

This week and the next two weeks, our **SAFETY** topics will include activities on **Poison Awareness, Fire Safety, Seat Belt Safety**, and continue **Child Abuse Awareness** as part of our APRIL celebration of children. Your child will bring home information that we receive from various sources for you to review and discuss with your child.

## Famous Storyteller at Kinder Haus!

On **Mon, April 9<sup>th</sup>**, Mary Jo Huff of *Storytelling' Time* will present her fun-filled storytelling to both classes. A flyer about this event was sent home with the fee amount that is to be turned in for this event. Thanks.

## CARNIVAL DAY FUN!

One of our special **APRIL** events to celebrate Young Children here at Kinder Haus will be a Carnival Day on **Wed., April 11<sup>th</sup>** for Wednesday classes and on **Thur., April 12<sup>th</sup>** for the 2-day class! Our room will be set up with several skill-game areas, where each child wins little prizes. Each child is a "Winner" just for trying at our carnival!

During the Carnival Day on **Wed., the 11<sup>th</sup>** the session will also be the Kindergarten Screening Day for those children enrolled at Sts. Peter & Paul School for kindergarten next year.

\*\*\*\*\*Week of April 16th<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> \*\*\*\*\*

School will be in session on April 20<sup>th</sup> as another snow make up day.

### Letter "Z" Week

This week we will celebrate the very last letter of the alphabet, Letter "Z", with "Zippy Zebra" to join us! The 2-day class will receive their last magnet letter to complete all 26 pieces of their set. 3-day classes will finish the last page of their Alphabet Book. The 3-day class will need to bring their Letter "Z" picture to do their last Letter activity page on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Wesselman's Animal Event at Kinder Haus!

On Tue, April 17<sup>th</sup> a Wesselman presenter will bring live animals for our preschoolers to observe! Be looking for a flyer on Tues. about this event and the fee.

### T-SHIRT PAINTING/ART DAY!

On Wed., April 18<sup>th</sup> and Thur., April 19<sup>th</sup> each child will paint their T-Shirt as a keepsake reminder of their special year of preschool. It will be one big **ART DAY event** with parent volunteers to help them try out various creative art centers. The T-Shirts will go home with your child at the Year-End Celebration times. **Our special thanks to Dana Hinman for putting each child's name on the T-Shirts for us.**

### Our OUTREACH Project for APRIL...

After spring break a flyer was sent home to you about the Outreach Project we have chosen for APRIL. We are collecting items to benefit the children and their families who stay at the **Ronald McDonald House** in Evansville when their child is very ill in the hospital. All through the month of APRIL we will be collecting any of the listed items that you and your child want to donate. Thank you in advance for supporting *Young Children!*

Reminder: The APRIL tuition payment is due.  
Thanks.

### Raising Community Awareness...

Child advocacy groups encourage us, as early childhood educators, to help bring about awareness in celebrating **APRIL as The Month of the Young Child** in our communities. We picked the Library and the Town Hall as our public places to remind our community that children are so special and they are our future. The 3-day class always makes a special banner or poster, and it is displayed in the Town Hall. The Haubstadt Library is displaying a photo of each child in the 2-day class along with the wonderful written notes from their parents about "a special moment with their child". It is so heartwarming to read the ones that we have received, and I'm sure that each child will come to treasure what was written as they grow up. The writings will also be a beautiful way to remind the community about supporting children and their families. **\*\*Since PURPLE is the designated color to celebrate children this month, you will notice several purple ribbons and special posters in our classroom for APRIL.**

**\*\* Hope to see you at the Die Kirche Auktion on Sunday, April 15th! Don't miss the chance to bid on your child's class project photo album on the Live Auction!**

We have the photo albums on display in our classroom. It's a one-of-a-kind treasure! We want to extend our sincere thanks to Noelle Scott for donating all of her time and her cost for our Auction Class Project again this year. There will be lots of family and children's activities on the day of the Auction. **If you are at the Auction at 1:00 when the live auction begins we hope we can gather a few of our preschool students to come up on stage with us teachers to help get the bids to go up high for the class project photo albums and the Preschool Class Theme Basket! Come to support Sts Peter & Paul and join in the fun!**

*Keeping in touch .....*  
*Miss Lucy*