

# GLCDC News — *April '13*

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## Box Tops challenge starting up

GLCDC is participating in the Box Tops for Education program through the rest of the school year. Classrooms will compete to see who can collect the most box tops for our school.

Cut out the labels and bring them to school; please give them to your child's teacher. Box Tops are worth 10 cents each. GLCDC can earn products and cash to benefit the school.

The winning class will earn a party with pizza and a movie. (If the babies or early toddlers win, an alternative prize will be awarded.) The contest will run through August 30, 2013.

Look for box tops on products you already buy — canned goods, boxed foods, paper products, frozen foods and more. You can download a product list at: [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)



### ***Save the date! Pre-K graduates on May 23***

Pre-Kindergarten graduation is **Thursday, May 23** at 9 am.  
The ceremony and reception will take place in our school gym.  
Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

## “Dr. Seuss on the loose” still going strong

A huge thumbs-up to Miss Debbie, Miss Pam and Miss Margaret for a fun and successful Reading Month celebration!

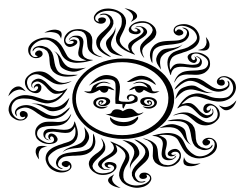
The students are working on their challenge of 3,000 books. Helping them hit their goal were many special readers including Royal Oak Mayor Jim Ellison, two judges, the Royal Oak fire chief,

and more than a dozen parents and grandparents. Currently, Miss Carol's class is far in the lead ... and poor Miss Kristie's class is in last place!

We have been enjoying Reading Month so much that Miss Debbie has agreed to extend the celebration for one more week! You and your children can contin-

tinue reading together and turning in your tally sheets through Friday, April 5. Don't forget to keep filling out your raffle tickets. Miss Debbie has one more book bag to give away!

Ask your child's teacher if you need more tally sheets, and **KEEP ON READING!!** No child is too young or too old for stories.



# Vacation plans?


If you are making vacation plans, please notify the office and your child's teacher(s) right away. Staff scheduling is based on the number of children in each room, so it's important to have accurate counts.

**YOU are loveable, too!**

If you are reading this newsletter, then YOU are a hard-working, multi-tasking, super-terrific parent. Take a second to pat yourself on the back for everything you do right. Because you do a lot of things right!

And don't beat yourself up about every little mistake. No one can be perfect, no matter how hard we try. But we can do our very best and with the best intentions.

The only thing you really need to achieve in the morning is getting out the door without anyone in tears — yourself included.

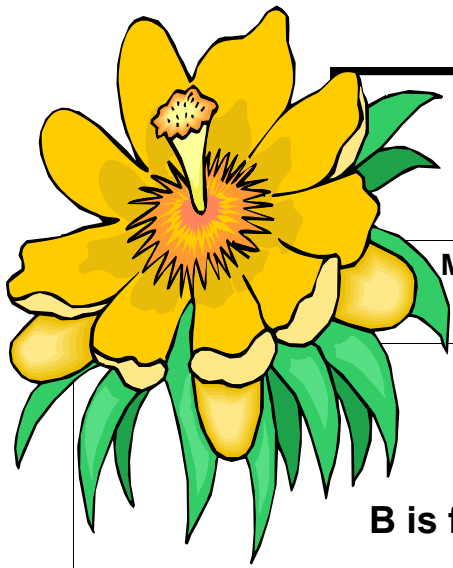



# April birthdays

- Kai P.**      4 / 7 / 09
- Griffin S.**      4 / 11 / 11
- Shawn P.**      4 / 11 / 09
- Luca G.**      4 / 16 / 12
- Jamie C.**      4 / 21 / 12
- Caitlin F.**      4 / 21 / 09
- Carl W.**      4 / 21 / 08



- Maria P.**      4 / 21 / 08
- Jaxon G.**      4 / 24 / 09
- Abigail T.**      4 / 24 / 09
- Ryan S.**      4 / 25 / 10
- Miss Jess**      4 / 19
- Miss Belinda**      4 / 27
- Miss Kristie**      4 / 28



# April 2013

# Toddlers

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1

2

3

4

5

**B is for ball**

**8  
spiders**

**Black  
sheep**

**Parallelogram**

**Butterfly**

8

9

10

11

12

**C is for car**

**9  
puppies**

**Gold  
fish**

**Rhombus**

**Ladybug**

15

16

17

18

19

**D is for Dora**

**10  
candles**

**Green**

**Star**

**Turtle**

22

23

24

25

26

**E is for  
elephant**

**11  
starfish**

**Pink**

**Pentagon**

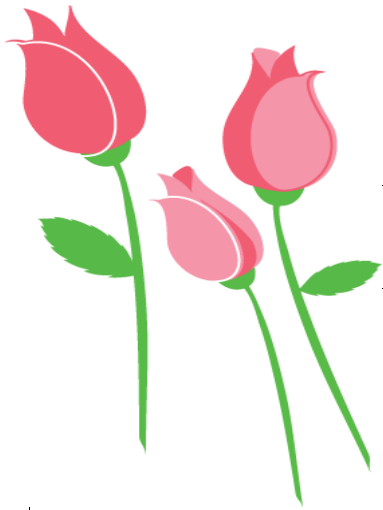
**Play-Doh**

29

30

**F is for flower**

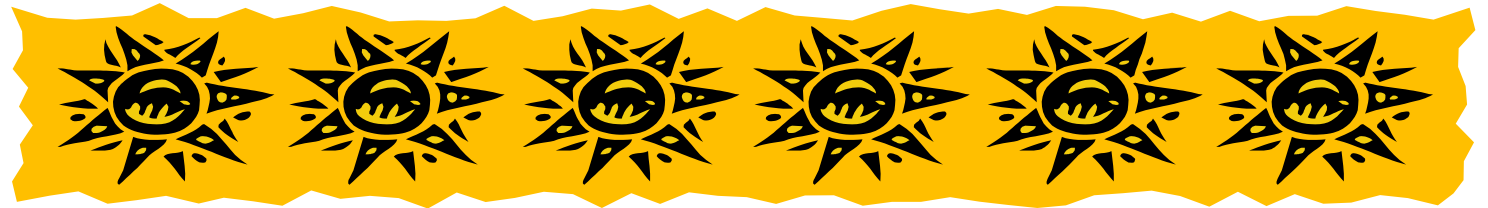
**12  
balloons**



# April 2013

# Early Preschool

Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat



	1	2	3	4	5
<b>THEME: Dinosaurs</b>	Dinosaur Match	Make dinosaur fossils	Paint a dinosaur scene	Dinosaur stencils	Dig for dinos
	8	9	10	11	12
<b>THEME: Welcome Spring!</b>	Why is rain important?	Make a rain stick	Rain drops experiment	How does rain make a rainbow?	Glue a rainbow puzzle
	15	16	17	18	19
<b>THEME: Cooking Week</b>	Meat & cheese cut-outs	Dirt Cups	Puppy Chow	Fruit smoothies	Ants on a log
	22	23	24	25	26
<b>THEME: Forest Animals</b>	Bears	Raccoons	Deer	Rabbits	Beavers



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# Preschool

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Community Workers</b> LETTERS: C, D NUMBERS: 13, 14	1 What's a community worker? REVIEW C & D	2 Fireman	3 Policeman	4 What do you want to be when you grow up?	5 Construction REVIEW 13 & 14	
<b>Fairy Tales</b> LETTERS: E, F NUMBERS: 15, 16	8 What is a fairy tale? REVIEW E & F	9 Cinderella	10 F is for FROG Learn about frogs	11 Write our own fairy tales	12 What's your favorite fairy tale? REVIEW 15 & 16	
<b>Pets</b> LETTERS: G, H NUMBERS: 17, 18	15 Fish REVIEW I & J	16 Fish for pets	17 Doggie puppets	18 My favorite animal for a pet is ...	19 Turtles REVIEW 17 & 18	
<b>Farm</b> LETTERS: I, J NUMBERS: 19, 20	22 What's a farm? REVIEW I & J	23 Who lives on a farm?	24 What do farm animals give us?	25 Make a cow puppet	26 Farmer REVIEW 19 & 20	
<b>Transportation</b> LETTERS: K, L <b>NUMBER REVIEW</b>	29 What is transportation? REVIEW K & L	30 Vehicles	<b>MAY</b> 1 Transportation without an engine (bike, walk, etc.)	2 What is your favorite way to get around?	3 Trains & planes <b>NUMBER REVIEW</b>	



# April 2013

# Pre-Kindergarten

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

*We are ordering caterpillars for each classroom, and watching them develop into butterflies. Hopefully the weather will be warm in early May when it's time to release our butterflies!*

<b>THEME:</b> Planting and growth <b>No new letter this week; no show &amp; tell</b>	1 <b>* No special classes this week due to Spring Break</b>	2 <b>What plants need to grow</b>	3 <b>Sun, water, good clean dirt</b>	4 <b>Planting and caring for plants</b>	5 <b>From seed to plant to flower</b>	
<b>THEME:</b> Farm animals <b>LETTER:</b> Y y	8 <b>Why do we need farms?</b>	9 <b>SHOW &amp; TELL Letter Y y</b>	10 <b>What grows on a farm?</b>	11 <b>Who lives on a farm? (people/animals)</b>	12 <b>Old MacDonald Had a Farm ...</b>	
<b>THEME:</b> Caterpillars <b>LETTER:</b> Q q	15 <b>They hatch from eggs.</b>	16 <b>SHOW &amp; TELL Letter Q q</b>	17 <b>They eat and eat and grow and grow and grow.</b>	18 <b>They spin cocoons and take a long nap.</b>	19 <b>They break out of their cocoons!</b>	
<b>THEME:</b> Butterflies <b>LETTER:</b> X x	22 <b>Caterpillars leave their cocoons as butterflies!</b>	23 <b>SHOW &amp; TELL Letter X x</b>	24 <b>The new butterflies are very wet and tired.</b>	25 <b>The butterflies exercise their wings.</b>	26 <b>Good-bye, butterflies!</b>	
<b>THEME:</b> BUGS!! <b>REVIEW:</b> Letters & numbers	29 <b>Ants</b>	30 <b>Show &amp; Tell has ended for this school year. Thanks for sharing!</b>	<b>MAY</b> 1 <b>Worms</b>	<b>Spiders</b>	27 <b>Flies</b>	