



Hello Families!

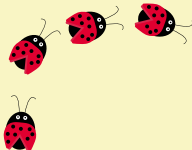
As children grow, school becomes a special place where they feel safe, loved, supported, and excited to learn. Moving to a new classroom or school is an important milestone and an exciting step in their journey! Whether children are transitioning from 3K to PreK, PreK to Kindergarten, or simply to a new classroom down the hall, they may experience many different emotions along the way — excitement, curiosity, pride, nervousness, or even a little uncertainty. These feelings are all a natural part of growing and learning.

Throughout the month of June, we will focus on supporting children’s social-emotional development and helping them feel confident, comfortable, and ready for their next adventure. Through conversations, activities, and encouragement, we will celebrate all they have learned while preparing them for the wonderful experiences ahead. We know this is a very special milestone in your child’s life, and we are excited to partner with you in celebrating their growth and success!

### 3K-Investigations- Insects

Next up is our **Insect study**. Children will focus on:

- What are the characteristics of insects?
- Where and how do insects live?
- What insects can we find in our community?
- How do insects grow and change?
- Who works with insects?
- How do insects help the Earth?



#### Some Books That We Will Read

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- The very quiet cricket by Eric Carle
- The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle
- Waiting for Wings by Lois Ehlert
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- I Love Bugs! by Philemon Sturges
- Bee: A Peek-Through Picture Book by Britta Teckentrup
- National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Bugs by Catherine D. Hughes



#### Family Engagement: Insects investigation:

Parent engagement during our insect unit activity encourages meaningful family involvement in the classroom while supporting children’s learning through play. Families work together to create **a bug craft** and participate in a classroom **bug hunt**, helping strengthen communication, cooperation, and school-home connections. This interactive experience allows parents to actively support their child’s creativity, language development, counting skills, and understanding of insects in a fun and welcoming environment.



### Art with Ms. Lorna

**PK 114/118**

We are finishing up our “Pets” study–putting final touches on cardboard constructions and collages. In June we will investigate and explore materials that have transformational properties such as watercolor pencils, bleeding tissue paper, and scratch paper.

**3K116**

In Art we have begun our “Insects” study with drawing and painting activities. In June we will continue this study with cardboard constructions and imprints using Model Magic.

It has been a pleasure getting to know your children and working with them in Art this school year! Have a wonderful summer!

### 4K Investigations - Kindergarten Readiness

#### **4K Investigation: Continuation of our Pets Study**

##### Why Study Pets in Preschool?

Pets help young children learn empathy, responsibility, and kindness as they care for and interact with animals. A classroom pet also encourages teamwork, respect, and gentle behavior. Studying pets sparks curiosity and gives children hands-on opportunities to explore how animals live, eat, communicate, and are cared for. Through these experiences, children build skills in science, literacy, math, art, and social development while learning to observe, ask questions, and solve problems. A classroom pet can create meaningful learning experiences and strengthen children’s sense of connection and responsibility. Student’s have learned about the lifecycles of Chicks and Ducklings. They have had the opportunity to observe and record the incubation period within their own classrooms!

##### **Focus Questions:**

- What kind of animals are pets?
- What are some characteristics of pets?
- Where do pets live? What do pets eat?

##### **4K Investigation: Kindergarten Readiness**

4K Investigation: Kindergarten Readiness Focus Questions

-How is kindergarten like pre-k?

How is it different?

How do we feel about going to kindergarten?

How do we make and keep friends in kindergarten? Some Books

##### **That We Will Read Alouds:**

- Countdown to Kindergarten by Alison McGhee
- Look Out Kindergarten Here I Come! By Nancy Carlson
- Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes



### Music & Movement with Ms. Jeanine

🌸🎵 June Music Fun! ☀️

This month, 3K students will explore Spring through songs about gardening, insects, and nature using group singing, partner activities, and creative movements.

Our 4K students will sing songs about getting ready for Kindergarten and celebrating their exciting next step!

Both 3K and 4K will enjoy learning folk songs and nursery rhymes while practicing fun breathing exercises, stretches, and movement activities to welcome Summer. We will celebrate the changes from Spring to Summer through music, movement, and imagination as we wrap up a wonderful school year!

