



Stepping Stones Newsletter

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Also Available on our Web Site www.steppingstoneschoolnh.com

Last week it finally felt like Spring may actually be coming!. Do you realize we still have a foot and a half of snow covering our entire playground and even the sunniest of days require full snow gear to go out and play? It has been a long, cold winter and I will be very excited when I can finally send home the letter that says mud season is upon us.

When that does happen and if it is too muddy to be on the grass we may have to get Thompson Lawn Service to clear the sand off our driveway and play out front until it dries up a bit. Here we will be able to play more with the balls, parachutes, scooter boards and chalk. We can also play hop scotch, two square and maybe a little jump rope.

If that happens we will recommend you send your children in sneakers and long pants to protect their feet and knees.

The bugs may also descend upon us soon and when they do you will need to send in bug spray for them to use. Each child is required by the State to have his/her own bug spray clearly labeled with his/her name on it in order for us to apply it.

Please be watching for the notice and permission slip for applying the bug spray.

In The Classroom

Dramatic play is transitioning into the Rainforest. The Fours Class is creating this tropical environment right now for everyone to play in. We will be discussing conservation, recycling, repurposing, and endangered species.

The Three's

The three year old class will be celebrating Spring with lots of different kinds of colorful painting. Instead of "Rain Forest" the Threes' focus will take a more age appropriate direction of "Going to the Zoo". Kristen has so many fun stories, songs, and activities planned for your Children this month.

The Four's

The four year old class will be working on a collaborative project with the rainforest.

We introduced the unit by reading together the classic story of Under the Kapok Tree. From here we will begin building a large Kapok tree from paper bags and will

fill the different rainforest layers with the appropriate wildlife.

Everyone will spend the next few weeks playing in the "rainforest"; reading, learning and doing activities enhancing their knowledge about the people, plants and animals that live there.

Four's Science Enrichment Class

Everyone knows the Rainforest is a very wet environment. Where does the rain come from? Where does all that water go? What better time to learn about evaporation, condensation, cloud formation and precipitation.

Will an orange float? How about a banana? An avocado? Our wooden blocks? Lego? Marbles? What sinks and what floats? What do you think? Why? Sounds like a whole lot of fun, hands on, science experiments to me! Come join us and find out!

Schedule your Kindergarten Assessments first thing in the morning and come back to be with us for the rest of the day

Thank You

A special thank you this month to the Jason Hargreave's family for their very generous donation of many Big Books for the classroom. They are all topics we study and enjoy and will be well used for many years to come. In all the books donated there was but one duplicate of our library and ours was showing some serious wear. Thank you!

I would also like to thank my staff for once again "running the show" while I was away. I attend many, many conferences with directors all over the state and the number one complaint that I hear at every conference from nine out of ten directors pertains to staff; their reliability, dedication to their children and program, and willingness to "go the extra mile". I am blessed to have staff that do that and more.

Rain Forest Reptiles Live Animal Presentation

**Tuesday April 17th
11:45-2:00 for \$25**

We hope to see you all there!

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April 2018



Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ In The Classroom
- ☺ Important Dates
- ☺ Thank you

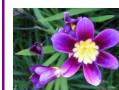
Important Dates

Fours Field Trip
Dover Children's Museum
Tuesday April 3

For Fours
Science Enrichment
Tuesday April 10
12-2:00

For Everyone
Rain Forest Reptiles
April 17 12-2:00

Final Conferences
April 20
No School Today



**We will be
closed for Spring Break
April 23rd - 27th**