

April, 2009

Dear parents:

Spring is finally here (at least that is what I have been telling the children). We have been learning about the signs of spring and we are planning to go on a walk to see some of them. It is a great family activity to go on these walks and reinforce the idea of the seasons changing and what happens in nature.

You may have noticed that your child is coming home talking about giving a “hamburger” answer. This is a strategy that our school has adapted to strengthen the children's responses. The children restate the question as part of their answer and give supporting evidence to back up their response. They are encouraged to give a conclusion to their answer as well. This strategy is also used with the persuasive form of writing. The children are working on this form, both orally and written. They are encouraged to try to sound out words, but they also use pictures to convey their ideas. We are at the beginning stages in kindergarten, but it helps to build the foundation as they continue their education.

Some of the children have noticed that they need new inside shoes because they have grown since September. Also, if your child has not brought back his/her blanket, please send it soon. If you check the kindergarten calendar, you will notice that A Fridays are April 17, April 24, and May 8. The B class Friday starts again on May 15 and we continue to alternate. This is to keep equal number of days for both classes. .

Yours truly,

Mrs. Hagen