

## Letters of the Month:

B/b – bird, butterfly, ball

F/f – feather, finger, foot

G/g – green, grasshopper, garbage

H/h – hop, house, hair



## WOW... We Can't Wait to Explore!

**Math:** The threes will be counting plastic eggs to practice their one to one correspondence, creating patterns with colored feathers, practicing our matching skills by matching butterflies, explore puzzles and placing parts together to create a whole, sorting cans by colors and counting items in a group...math is everywhere!

**Science:** What science activities are we going to explore this month? The Zebras are hoping to explore objects that float or sink in a water container, looking at leaves and observing their similarities and differences, exploring soil inside our sensory table, recycling cans as a class project, using our magnifying glasses, discovering how "ants dance" and using shaving cream too.

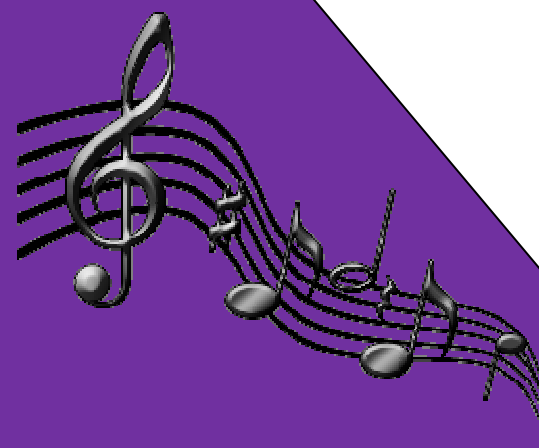
**Literacy:** Making letters out of string, doing some creative thinking activities, thinking of rhyming words, creating lists in print, searching for letters with a flashlight, discovering and exploring a map and more...we are always exploring the concept of literacy. Each day we are looking at the names on the tables, finding our cubby names, finding our cot names and searching for letters inside and outside of our classroom...we even see letters and words on cars and trucks as we walk to and from the playground.

**Art:** Our art center is one of our busiest centers in our classroom. In the month of April, we are going to create a nest with pieces of string, making our own binoculars, practicing our cutting skills with scissors, showing creative expression with bright colors of chalk, using pieces of newspaper as a painting tool, using our thumbs to make "thumbprint bugs", practicing our gluing skills and the list goes on...we LOVE the art center...ask your Zebra about what they created today...it was something fun!!

## Let us Hear Your Voice...

Bringing Home my Baby Bumblebee  
"I'm bringing home my baby bumblebee,  
Won't my mommy be so proud of me,  
I'm bringing home my baby bumblebee,  
Ouch...it stung me!"

Hip, Hip, Hooray  
"\_\_\_\_\_ is here today,  
\_\_\_\_\_ is here today.  
Hip Hip hooray,  
\_\_\_\_\_ is here today!"  
(insert each child's name)



### Teacher Fun Facts:

\* Ms. Jennifer would wear flip flops all year long if she could!

\* Ms. Ursula likes Chick-fil-a!

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To:

# The Zebras Zip

## A new camera and Spring arrives!

We want to say THANK YOU to each and every family who donated towards the purchase of a camera for our classroom. We are super excited to say that yes, we have collected enough money and we have ordered a new camera for our room...a very big HOORAY! We can't wait for it to be delivered so we can start using it and post LOTS of pictures on shutterfly as well as around our classroom walls!

April brings a puppet show by Kaydee Puppets and we will be participating in that on April 11 around 11:00am. A puppet show will be fun but the Spring weather is making its way to us and we couldn't be happier! We are excited about warmer days outside on the playground, taking walks around our school and exploring our environment.

Are there Zebras having trouble deciding on what items to bring in for their share day? Well, if you can't think of anything, please bring in something that goes with our theme of the week! For example, "In the Garden" week, your child could bring in a plastic shovel or a pair of gardening gloves....be creative!

## April Birthday's



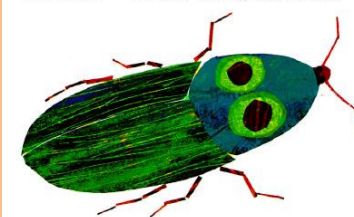
Drew Olivieri  
April 22, 2008

### The Very Clumsy Click Beetle By: Eric Carle

This story is about a click beetle who is a little clumsy. It starts off with a click beetle that is on a journey and exploring the world around him. This beetle finds himself lying on his back and can't turn back over on its feet. Well, he tries and tries but clicks over but can't land on its feet...only his back. Well, the click beetle comes to a human who is so big and so tall, he gets scared and does a quick click and a flip and lands on his feet! The best part is when you get to the last page...the book actually makes a loud "clicking" noise and makes the story so much fun!

Ms. Jennifer

Eric Carle The Very Clumsy Click Beetle



### Growing Vegetable Soup



Lois Ehlert

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I love this story! In this story, I love how you can see how vegetables grow from the beginning to end. The children can see the seeds being planted and what seeds need to grow. By the end of the story, after planting, water, sunlight and lots of love, there were many vegetables that had grown in the garden. The children were surprised to see how the vegetables grew from a seed to an actual vegetable. A simple story with great pictures makes for a great circle time in the Zebras class.

Ms. Ursula

Teacher Pick's

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### What's Going on This Month:

\* Kaydee Puppets Show  
at 11:00am

\* 4/22 is Earth Day! We  
are going to celebrate by  
walking around our school  
and participating in a  
"clean up walk" that week!