

## Hello Families!

Spring is just around the corner! It's been a long winter, and we're all looking forward to being able to spend some sunny days playing outside.

Kidzland is interested in having the Red Cross come out and talk to the children, and also sponsor a blood drive. In order for the Red Cross to come visit, we need 30 volunteers willing to donate to the drive. If you are interested in signing up, stop by the office!

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held from March 20-24<sup>th</sup> this year. Every purchase you make, helps us earn books for our classrooms.

Don't forget to "Spring Forward" for Daylight Savings Day on the 12<sup>th</sup> and have a great start to your spring!



Dates	to Remember
3/12	Daylight Saving Day
3/17	St Patrick's Day
3/20	First Day of Spring
3/20-24	Scholastic Book Fair

## Polar Plunge

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our Polar Plunge jump this year, we were able to donate \$950!

## Outdoor Gear

Now that the temps are getting warmer, the children will be going out more often. Make sure you check with your child's teacher before bringing home snow pants/boots. Our play yard can get quite muddy in the spring, and they may be needed until the temps warm up and the grass can dry.

## Spotlight Staff:

Our Spotlight Staff member this month is **Ms. Alexis!** Ms. Alexis is always bringing fun and new ideas to her classroom, and is always willing to help out when asked. Thanks for all you do Ms. Alexis!

## New Faces

We would like to extend a warm welcome to **Ms. Trista**, our new Assistant Teacher in the Green Grape Room, and to **Ms. Breanna**, our new Assistant Teacher in the Banana Room. Be sure to stop in and say hi!



## Happy Birthday!

Ms Dana	3/3	Ms Maddie	3/3
Cameron M	3/4	Leeland M	3/4
Jack G	3/5	Kai J	3/8
Levi N	3/11	Ms Angela	3/12
Moiria K	3/19	Ms Laura	3/20
Ms Olivia	3/20	Ms Mandy	3/30

## REESE'S BASKETBALL DIP

Recipe from: <http://www.crazyforcrust.com/2013/04/reeses-basketball-dip/>

## INGREDIENTS:

- 10 Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, unwrapped
- 4 ounces low-fat or fat-free cream cheese
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter
- Up to 1 tablespoon milk
- About 6 ounces Reese's Pieces (orange and brown only)

## DIRECTIONS:

Finely chop Reese's Peanut Butter Cups in a food processor. Add to a medium bowl along with the cream cheese and peanut butter. Mix with a hand mixer until completely combined. Beat in the powdered sugar.

Add milk, a little bit at a time, until you reach your desired consistency. (To make the basketball, the dip needs to be medium thick. If you use low-fat or regular cream cheese, you will need less milk.)

Scoop your dip onto a serving plate. Spray your hands with cooking spray to avoid sticking, and form the dip into a round basketball shape.

Separate the orange and brown Reese's Pieces from your package. Cover the dip in the orange, and use the brown for the stripes on the ball. Store in refrigerator, bring to room temperature before serving.



## Rainbow Art!

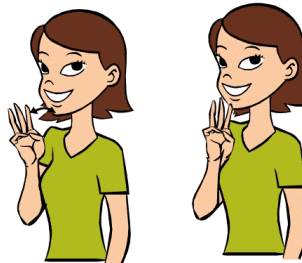


This recycled paper project is great for all ages! Use it to develop fine motor skills in toddlers, or to sort colors & make patterns for preschoolers!

## Scrap Paper Rainbow

## Baby Sign Language

Baby sign language is a great way to communicate with your baby or toddler! It helps them learn to communicate their wants and needs in a way that can be understood.



Water

To sign *water*, take your strong hand, extending and separating the three middle fingers (the ASL sign for W). Tap your index finger on your chin.

To remember the sign, it is the ASL sign for W, going near your mouth. W near your mouth is water. Once your baby is drinking fluids other than milk, start to teach signs associated with different liquids, so that she can indicate preferences when she is feeling fussy.