



# Mrs. Mark's Classroom News



April 2026

## Our Learning

### Language Arts

We have learned all of the letter sounds through Jolly Phonics and we will continue to review the letter sounds as we work more on reading and blending sounds. Students are also working on phonics skills in leveled UFLI phonics groups.

With the whole group, I will begin introducing some beginning sight words. We will continue to work on stretching out words independently, and we will begin writing in our journals.

### Math

We will be learning about geometry and measurement. In geometry, students will work on describing and comparing shapes based on their attributes. In measurement, students will learn about length, height, weight, and size. They will compare objects and measure using non-standard units.

### Earth Day

Earth Day is on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will do some earth day activities both inside and outside of the classroom.

### Self-Regulation

I will introduce the zones of self-regulation to the students and we will talk about how to get our bodies and minds ready for learning. We will review the classroom rules and expectations and go over the consequences for not following the rules.

## Upcoming Events

### Student-Led Conferences

Student-led conferences will take place on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. These days are early dismissal days to allow time for the conferences. On Wednesday students are dismissed at 2:00pm and on Thursday students are dismissed at 12:00pm. Students will have some of their work to show you in the classroom and activities to do with you. This is such a fun experience for parents to get a peek at what we do in the classroom and for students to present to their parents.

### Professional Development Day

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> is a non-instructional day so there is no school for students.

## Reminders

### Home Reading

Please practice the home reading books with your child. As your child begins to learn to read, don't forget to read to them as well. Children learn many skills from listening to stories read aloud. It also increases their vocabulary and exposes them to new words.

### Word Box Cards and Sight Words

Please continue to review the sight word strips and the word box cards with your child. When ready for a new set just return in Ziplock bag and let me know.



## Must-Know Letters and Words

**Letters:** s, a, t, i, p, n  
ck, e, h, r, m, d  
g, o, u, l, f, b  
ai, j, oa, ie, ee, or  
z, w, ng, v, oo/oo  
y, x, ch, sh, th/th  
qu, ou, oi, ue, er, ar

**Sight Words:** the, to, and

## Birthdays

Layla April 10<sup>th</sup>  
Rosa April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Paisley April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Hayley April 27<sup>th</sup>

