



## Newsletter

April 2022

In the spirit of April Fools' Day, here is my new favorite joke:

A couple of pranksters broke into the local police station and stole all the lavatory equipment. A spokesperson was quoted as saying, "We have absolutely nothing to go on."

### Best Private School in the East Bay

It's official! We have been voted the best private school in the East Bay! Please see the attached article in the East Bay Times. Thank you to our wonderful community for this honor, and feel free to brag about your great selection in schools!

### Summer Program Billing

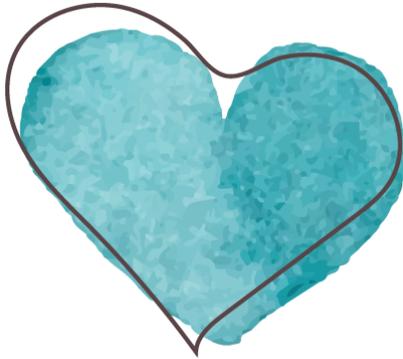
You will notice a few changes to your bill that gets sent out on April 30. If you have chosen to apply your deposit to your May bill, you will see that credit on your May tuition bill, which is due on May 7 as usual. You will also see a charge for the summer programs for which you have signed up. The summer program tuition is due in full by May 16. Please be aware, if you have autopay enabled in Brightwheel, the summer tuition amount will be automatically deducted on May 16.

### End of Year Events

With cautious optimism, we are looking forward to having a wonderful graduation ceremony and end of year family events during the week of May 23-27. More details to come so please keep a lookout in your folders and in Brightwheel!

### No Spring Break Closure

We are open throughout April, we do not have a spring break. If you will be away, please let us know as we worry about the children if we don't see them! Our next closure is May 30 for Memorial Day.



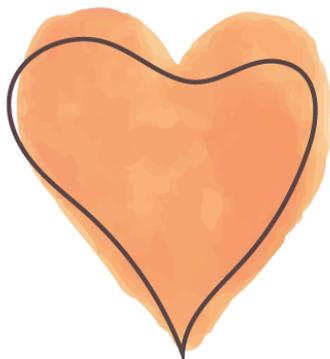
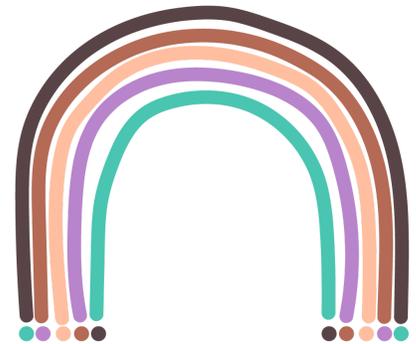
## Gratitude

A big thank you to Officer Joe, Christian's dad, for coming to meet us on March 24 to talk about police officers. Thank you also for the cool goodies. The children were thrilled to meet you!

We are grateful to our Friends of Dayspring volunteers for providing the staff with a delicious, nutritious lunch during staff work days. You make us feel so special, thank you!

## Reminders

- If you are not staying at Dayspring for TK/Kindergarten and are headed to a local public school, TK/Kindergarten readiness forms are due to the elementary schools by May 1. Bring it to us with the school name listed. Teachers will complete the form and we will send it directly to the school. Click here for [the link to the form](#).
- Dates to note:
  - **April 14 - Crazy Hair/Crazy Socks Day**
  - **April 22 - Earth Day**
  - **May 23-26 - End of Year Celebrations/Graduation (more details coming soon)**
  - **May 30 - Memorial Day Holiday - Dayspring Closed**
  - **June 2 - Last Day of School**
  - **June 3 and June 6 - Dayspring Closed**
  - **June 7 - First day of summer session 1**



## Concepts of the Week

Week of April 4	Earth Day, Qq, even/odd, I am reliable
Week of April 11	Vaisakhi (4/14), clean up and recycling, Jj, 100s
Week of April 18	Bugs and blooms, Xx, 1000s
Week of April 25	Zz

# Classroom Updates

## Room 1 - Butterflies

Welcome to the spring season! We will be working on letters Q, J, X and Z. We will use recycled materials to celebrate Earth Day and also learn about different kinds of bugs. We will continue to work on our fine motor skills and numbers and letters. We continue to be respectful and take care of our friends and classroom materials. We will be planting seeds and watching them grow.

## Room 2 - Little Ladybugs

Spring has officially begun!

St. Patrick's Day was so much fun. The leprechauns left behind such a huge mess and we did not catch them, but we did not mind. Maybe next time. The children had so much fun celebrating community helpers month. Even though the children missed seeing the real police car and firefighters due to COVID we still managed to practice a STOP, DROP and ROLL fun activity. They enjoyed making their own English muffin pizza for our science cooking project and pretending to be chefs while wearing their own chef hat.

This month we will learn about Earth Day, clean up and recycling, bugs and blooms. We will discuss how we can help our earth. We will plant a tree and explain how trees and plants help the environment. We will study things we can do to protect our earth. We will discuss how important insects are as decomposers in everyday life. We will study insects' body parts (head, thorax and abdomen). In our math area, the children will guess how many insects are inside the jar and more. We will read books with titles, From Caterpillar to Butterfly, Are You a Bee? And I Love Bugs!, How a Seed Grows, A Tree is a Plant, Planting the Wild Garden, Growing Vegetables and One Bean.

Reminder: Please encourage your child to bring something to share on Sharing Day.

## Room 3 - Busy Bees

April brings in one of our favorite themes of Bugs, Bulbs and Blooms. We are excited as we will be doing some planting and creating crafts with the theme. We will be celebrating Earth Day on April 22 and create a project, making best use of the material around us by recycling and reusing. We continue practicing spelling our last names. These are some of the activities we have planned this month:

**Language:**

Learn to write letters Q, J, X and Z  
Continue working with our sight words  
Rhyming words  
Introduce opposites  
Building simple three letter words

**Math:**

Practice writing and counting numbers 1 to 20  
Continue practicing simple addition and subtraction  
Simple fraction concepts  
Review shapes

**Science:**

Look at X-rays  
Do planting  
Understanding the concept of solid and liquid with water

**Room 4 - Sunflowers**

April comes with one of our favorite themes of Bugs, Bulbs and Blooms. We are excited to explore nature around us and capture it through art. We will celebrate Earth Day on Friday, April 22nd, and create things by recycling various materials. We will also continue to practice spelling our last names. Following are the activities we have planned for different areas of learning.

**For Language Arts:**

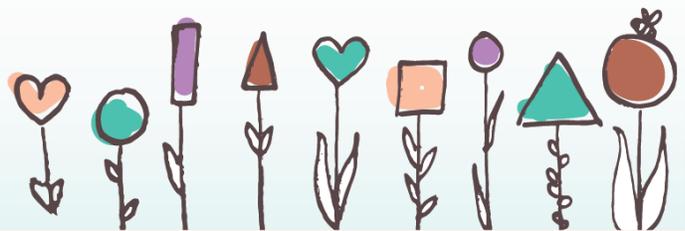
Practice how to write letters Q, J, X and Z  
Practice reading sight words  
Practice rhyming words, opposites  
Building three letter words

**For Math:**

Practice writing numbers 1-20 and counting from 1 to 100  
Continue doing addition and subtraction exercises  
Learn basic fraction concepts  
Review geometric shapes

**For Science:**

Look at X-rays  
Plant seeds and observe their growth  
Understand the concept of solid vs. liquid



# Thank You

to our wonderful community for voting us **Best Private School in the East Bay!**

We are passionate about providing a safe, loving, and developmentally appropriate education to our young students.

Contact us to see the Dayspring difference!

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