



**THELMA B. JOHNSON**  
**EARLY LEARNING CENTER**  
**NEWS**



**Theme:**  
**Spring**  
**Nature All Around Us**

**Principal: Aleisha Sheridan**

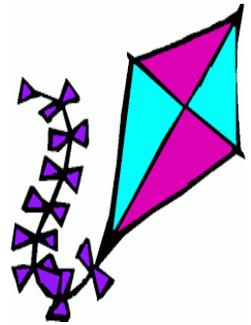
**FLY A KITE**  
Flying a kite is a fun and relaxing way to spend a windy Spring day. So, turn off the television, and pick an open area to complete this Spring Bucket

**Number of the Week:**  
**10**

**April 18, 2016**  
**270-854-0140**  
**Week 29**



**Color of the Week:**  
**Brown**



**Letter of the Week:**  
**Uu**

**Keep Practicing**  
**Logging On to Computers**  
Please practice your Log on Keyboard at Home  
We will be logging on to the computers in the library©  
FIRST.LAST  
##### (security code twice)

**Shape of the Week:**  
**Shape Review**



**Ms. Amber, Ms. Tiffany, & Ms. Anna**



**Learning Math is a Lot More Than Learning How to Count**

Children begin to learn math concepts long before they go to school—by determining the difference between these things and those things, for instance, or sorting objects which belong together or ordering objects in space. An example of how children order things in space is when your preschooler helps put away the pots and pans in the kitchen. At first he may push them into the cupboard any old way. But when he does this, the door won't close. Then you might suggest, "Why not try putting the cookie sheets in first? I always put them on the bottom." Then you might ask, "Why not put the little pan inside the big pan?" When the child does one or the other, the door will close. And he has expanded his knowledge of order — of how parts fit together.



**Ms. Karen, Ms. Joni, Ms. Paula**



Phonological awareness is an ability to attend to and understand the sound structures of a given language. Phonological awareness skills include rhyme awareness. Teach your child to rhyme. Read books that contain rhymes and point out the rhyming words. Sing nursery songs, such as "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" or place 3 pictures on the table and ask your child to hold one picture. Name the picture he is holding, and then name each picture on the table. See if he can pick the one that rhymes.



**Ms. Randa, Ms. Julia, Mr. Chad**



We will be learning all about Kentucky. We will start our journey by learning what a map is and what it is used. We will also learn about what makes Kentucky special. Look for some more information in your child's folder this week.



**Ms. Tracey, Ms. Christy, Ms. Macy**



Read together every day. Give everything a name.  
For example, "Look at that airplane! Those are the wings of the plane. Why do you think they are called wings?"  
Say how much you enjoy reading  
Read with fun in your voice  
Use different voices. Ham it up!  
Know when to stop  
Be interactive  
Discuss what's happening in the book, point out things on the page, and ask questions.  
Read it again and again  
Go ahead and read your child's favorite book for the 100th time!  
Talk about writing, too  
Mention to your child how we read from left to right and how words are separated by spaces.  
Point out print everywhere  
Talk about the written words you see in the world around you.



**Ms. Kim, Ms. Misty, Mr. Kyle**



Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a great Spring Break. This week we will continue to learn about spring and talk about the letter U. We will also review letters and letter sounds. Please help your child review this at home. We are continuing to schedule end of the year home visits. The last day for preschool students is Thursday, May 19th. Have a great week.



**Ms. Jayme, Ms. Annette, Ms. Crissy**



It's raining; it's pouring.  
The old man is snoring.  
He went to bed and bumped his head,  
And he wouldn't get up in the morning  
This week we will be learning about spring and weather.  
We have some neat science experiences with tornadoes and clouds!





**Ms. Heather, Ms. Laura**



Sung to: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"  
 Look outside now, can you say What the weather is today? Is there sunshine, is there rain, Is wind blowing down the lane? Look outside now, can you say What the weather is today? Look outside now, can you say What the weather is today? Are there snowflakes falling down, Are there big clouds floating around? Look outside now, Can you say What the weather is today?  
 We are excited to be back! This week we will focus on the weather. Talk to your child at home about how the weather changes.



**Ms. Nancy & Ms. Debra**



Welcome back from Spring Break. We are in the homestretch! This week we will be learning about what changes occur in the spring. We will be taking a walk around the school, but off grounds, to look for signs of spring. Please look for the permission slip in your child's red folder, sign it and return it to school. If your child doesn't return it, s/he will be unable to go with us.



**Ms. Virginia , Ms. Jenna Ms. Breeanna**



Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break 😊

The letter U is for umbrella!! ☂️ It is definitely the season for umbrellas.

☂️ Spring has sprung and this week we will discuss the season of spring and compare it to the other seasons. We will continue studying the color brown, the number 10, and reviewing the shapes. With the year coming to an end we have only 5 weeks of preschool left. Please be aware of your child's last home visit date. We will be completing these on Fridays. If you need to reschedule, please contact me as soon as possible.



**Ms. Linda, Ms. Shannon, Ms. Tara**



Welcome back from Spring Break. We are continuing our unit on the weather and will start to learn about the water cycle and why rain is important. We will also continue our home visits this week. If you have not filled out the form, please do so and return it as soon as possible.



**Ms. Jessica, & Ms. Rose**

### Assign Responsibility

When young children copy everyday household tasks, they are really learning how to contribute. With your support, tasks will soon be done with few reminders. As children grow older, they can begin to take on real responsibilities, such as:

- Setting the table
- Putting away their toys
- Feeding the pets
- Placing dirty clothes in a basket

Watch your child's self-esteem grow when given the chance to help out.



**Ms. Macey, Ms. Annette, & Ms. Karen**



Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your spring break as much as we did. We will start our 2 week bug/insect unit this week. We will focus on the caterpillar/butterfly this week by reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. The children will learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. Our letter this week will be the letter li and we will be doing a color, number and shape review.



### Child Care

Ms Kathy, Ms. Rhonda, Ms. Jaci  
Ms Tori, Ms. Kati, Ms. Sarah



**Ms. Lori Burke**  
270-854-0090

It's that time of the year to start preparing for your child's transition to summer childcare and after school childcare. I have sent home a flyer requesting from those of you that has a child going to kindergarten. I have all the registration packets and other info to make a smooth transaction to summer care. Please see me or let your child's teacher know what school your child will be attending for kindergarten and I will get the information to you. Once you fill it out please return it to me and I will take care of getting it to the school they are attending. If your child is going into kindergarten, their last day at TBJ will be May 27th. They may begin summer care on May 30th. If you have any questions please call me at 270-854-0090. If your child is going to preschool in the fall and you need summer care, you need to sign the paper, that they will need summer childcare and give it to me. Based on number of children signed up for summer, will determine if we will be open.



**Ms. Theresa, Ms. Ashley**



### Help Your Child Become a Good Friend

Four- to six-year-olds are learning what it means to be a friend. They will have fun times as well as arguments and hurt feelings. It can be tempting for parents to try to solve these problems themselves or by talking with the other child's parent. Instead, guide your child to solve problems. With your help, your child can learn how to solve social problems.

Help your child understand the other child's point of view. "I guess Suzie wants a turn too."

## Upcoming Dates:

**Mon. & Tues.**  
**April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Milk Truck

**Wed. April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Fire Prevention  
Tuesday, April 19



## Breakfast

**Lunch Menu Online**  
<http://goo.gl/TzL7TS>

## Lunch

Monday: Mini bagel, cream cheese  
Tuesday: Toast, jelly, or Pop tarts  
Wed.: Chicken biscuit, jelly  
Thursday: Yogurt & graham snacks  
Friday: Cereal

Monday: Mac & Cheese, peas, peaches, carnival cookie  
Tuesday: Taco soup, Tostito Scoops, shredded cheese, carrots, Jello  
Wednesday: Chicken rings, potatoes, roll, green beans, banana  
Thursday: Deli sandwich, veggie cup, fruit cup  
Friday: Hamburger, Cheeseburger, French fries, peas, sidekick

## Security Codes:

The person who picks up your child must have the security code. Thank you for following the procedures!