



Mark your calendar!

- 10th- Ivy Kids Closed!
(Good Friday)
- 12th- Happy Easter!
- 15th & 16th- Spring Portraits
- 17th- Before/After School
Orientation
(Pre-K Graduates)
- 19th-25th- Week of the
Young Child
- 22nd- Earth Day



Happy Birthday!

- 2nd- David Rice-Casillas
- 4th- Mrs. Rosalba Uribe*
- 4th- Reagan Johnson
- 4th- Cobi Lynn Watts
- 7th- Elias Efendi
- 13th- Madalyn Johnson
- 14th- Tristan Page
- 15th- Lailah Bowie
- 18th- Madelyn Klinkerman
- 20th- Kennedy Jones
- 22nd- Anna Chau
- 25th- Dane Jackson
- 29th- Madeline Sommer
- * Ivy Kids Staff



Congratulations!

Congrats to **Afraaz Malick** and family...he has been accepted into St. John's School in Houston!
We wish you the best!



Director's Corner

Hello Parents!

We are excited to announce our "**Outdoor Classroom Beautification Project**"! The classrooms will be participating in the planting and caring of this environment. This outdoor classroom will provide the children with many sensorial learning experiences. This area will also have benches, pavers, and plants that will extend their classroom learning.

It will even offer an organic garden that will grow a variety of plants such as:

- ❖ Red Swiss Chard
- ❖ Radish
- ❖ Leaf Lettuce
- ❖ Cherry Tomatoes
- ❖ Cucumbers
- ❖ Zucchini/Yellow Squash
- ❖ Parsley, Oregano, Thyme
- ❖ Rosemary, Sage, Cilantro...and more!



The children will be able to bring some of the grown vegetables and herbs back into the kitchen for our cook to use in their daily meals. We will also collaborate this project with providing experiences with butterflies, humming birds, and other insects for the children to explore. We are looking forward to starting our garden on Earth Day, April 22nd! Please see your child's classroom for details the week of April 13th. Thank you for your support in this new and exciting adventure!!

-Ms. Angela



Librarian's Corner



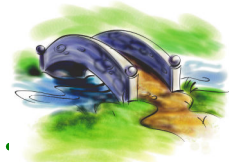
Spring is here!

We are going to focus on how Ivy Kids can help our planet and our school. The side playground will be made into a butterfly garden with stepping stones, picnic tables, and a rock stream under a child size bridge. This will give our children the opportunity to experience a wonderful nature time, which is what we all need!

If any parents would like to make their own "Family Stepping Stone" to add to our garden, or if you have any ideas on how you could put your "Family Stamp" in the garden just let me know. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



Thank you,
Cathy Merritt



Education Coordinator's Corner

Earth Day Recyclable Ideas...

Earth Day is upon us again on April 22nd! With the warmer temperatures and the longer days, it's finally time to start thinking about our gardens.

Planting seeds indoors is a good way to get a jump start on the growing season. Metal cans, yogurt containers, water bottles, and egg cartons all make excellent seed starter containers; the best part is that your kids can lend a hand and decorate their very own containers. The kids can personalize them by adding stickers, recycled paper, or paint.

After they are decorated, you can simply punch a few holes in the bottom of your containers to allow the water to drain. Then you are ready to fill the container with soil, plant a few seeds, and watch your bounty grow!

Once the seeds have sprouted, gently remove the plants from the containers and plant them in the ground. If we all work together, we can help replenish our Earth!!

For more information and activities regarding Earth Day please visit:

www.kidsforsavingearth.com

www.nick.com/biggreenhelp

www.pbskids.org/earthday



Thank you,
Diana Casillas



Infant Room A

April showers bring growth and development to all the beautiful & loving babies of ours! The theme for the month of April is "**Reading and Exploring**". We will explore the meaning and importance of reading to infants and to help them discover the colors and things of Spring.

We welcome our new baby, **Sara Schultz**, and parents to our classroom!

Have a Happy Easter!
Mrs. Ylonda, Mrs. Mary, Ms. Krystal, and Mrs. Brenda



Infant Room B

Our theme for the month of April is "**Digging in the Dirt**".

We are looking forward to this month's curriculum, there will be lots of exploring during our outside time! Our Spanish and Library classes will continue on Wednesday and Thursdays.

We will also have an Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, April 9th. Each child needs to bring 6 stuffed eggs.

Welcome to our new students: **Madeline Sommer, Cobi Lynn Watts, and Carolyn Kahn.**

Mrs. Kery, Mrs. Cynthia, and Ms. TaShiqua

Toddlers

Our theme for the month of April is "**Digging in the Dirt**".

We will explore the texture of dirt using our hands and feet. We will also continue to develop our basic sign language skills and the colors red & blue. In addition, we will focus on the letter "D", the number 4, and the shape of an oval.

Our class would also like to welcome **Stella Hanko, Andrew Boster, and Caitlyn Que.**

Happy Easter!
Toddler Teachers



2 Year Olds

It's April and we are ready to hop along! Our theme for the month is "**Mud**". The children will learn about the different animals that love mud, and how mud is used for all types of things. We will also discuss things you do in the mud such as digging, finding rocks, etc. In addition, we will be studying the number 8, letters B & E, the shape of an oval, and the color orange.

Our classroom would like to acknowledge our potty trainers of the month: **Jacob Page, Sanai Jackson, Kennedy Holmes, Carson McMinn, Lauren Turner, and Paris Egbert.**

Thank you to all of our parents for the awesome work at home!!

We also welcome our new students: **Paul Portis, Faith Sonia, and Max Dodge.**

Have a great and safe Easter...here comes Peter Cottontail!
Mrs. Lavern, Ms. Melissa, Ms. Alicia T., Ms. Alecia F. and Ms. Cristol





3 Year Olds

Our theme for the month of April is "**Digging in the Dirt**".

Our discussions will include what dirt is, who uses dirt, and how dirt varies from place to place. We will review letters A-D, numbers 1-10, and our shapes in English & Spanish. In addition, we will introduce new sign language. Please remember that "Show-n-Tell" is on Fridays.

We would also like to welcome **Avery Welch, Miles Hagan, and Brook'lynn Cheeks**.

Our Easter party is **Thursday, April 9th** during our afternoon snack time.

Reminders from Ms. B's class: Please send 3 pictures of your child to class. Please also keep in mind that due to limited space, your child needs to bring a *small blanket & travel size pillow* for nap.

Ms. Monica, Ms. Olivia, Ms. B, and Ms. Crystal

Pre-K



Spring is Here!!!

As Pre-K classes hop into the month of April, the theme for Pre-K I is "**Digging in the Dirt**". The children will be working on the letters W, N, O & P, and the numbers 1-20. They will also introduce the new sight words "rocks" and "clay".

The theme for our Pre-K II and Pre-K III classes is "**Animals, Animals, Animals**". The children will explore many exotic animals, and why some of them are endangered. We will focus on letters X, Y & Z, and introduce addition and subtraction facts. In addition, we will count money sets using pennies and nickels.

The Pre-K team would like to welcome the following new students: **Sebastian Barranco, Ethan Lynds, Natalie Hinze, Noah Ponder, Govind Rangappa, Carter Hagan, and Lillian Espinoza**.

Pre-K Graduation is just around the corner!!

It will be held on **May 22, 2009**, so let's start preparing for that special day! We would like to thank all of our parents for their generous support throughout the entire school year!!

Kindergarten Registration Reminders:

The early registration dates for **Pearland I.S.D.** are **April 6th-9th from 8-11am and 12-3pm**.

The early registration dates for **Alvin I.S.D.** are **May 11th-15th from 8am-4pm**.

Please join us at Ivy Kids on **Friday, April 17th** for a Before/After School Orientation!

Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Annette, Ms. Diane, Ms. Tyrna, Ms. Didi, and Ms. Michelle



School Age

Hello Parents! This month we will have an Easter party on **April 9, 2009**. We will also have an Easter Egg Contest; we are asking each contestant to make/decorate an Easter Egg at home and present it to the judges on the day of the party. Prizes will be awarded in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Please be sure to check the **Teacher's Corner & Parent Board** on a regular basis for the latest information concerning our classroom.

Thank you!
Activity Room Teachers

