



## PBDA LOWER CAMPUS EVENTS April 2019

### **Important Dates:**

- 4/2 Toddler Tuesdays 10:30am
- 4/5 No Flag, Noon Dismissal for Professional Development
- 4/6 Pet Show
- 4/10 PBDA On Topic: Deena Sobel, Tackling Tough Conversations @ 8:45 in the Fisher Family Media Center on the LC
- 4/10 PBDA Lilly Pulitzer Shopping Event 3:00-5:00
- 4/16 Billy Peebles – Lincoln Presentation @ 6:00 pm
- 4/18 Grandparents and Special Friends Day (Noon Dismissal)
- 4/19 No School – Good Friday

### **Friday Night Outs**

Pre-Primary Mother's Day Tea Party – May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Primary Games on the Lawn with Upper School Buddies – April 12<sup>th</sup>

Kindergarten Gym Night – March 29<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Movie on the Lawn – March 1<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Viewing the Stars – April 26<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Maker Night – May 17<sup>th</sup>



## Third Trimester Culminating Units of Study

### Pre-Primary

#### April:

4/8-12 NAEYC Week of the Young Child

Spring Is In The Air

Rainbows

Weather, Growing, Flowers, Plants, Bugs

Gardening

Earth Day

Grandparents Day at the Norton Sculpture Garden

Animals: Farm, Zoo, Pets

Colors: Green, Brown, Red

#### Ongoing

Tapestry Partners with 9th Graders

Mystery Reader

Garden Beds

Growing Vegetables

### Primary

#### April:

Primary will be focusing on the themes of Transportation and Life Cycles throughout the month of April. They will also be continuing their partnership with the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens by going to see a Morton Kaish exhibit made of butterflies and flowers. After



the visit, the sculpture garden will come to primary to create butterflies with the children.

### Kindergarten

#### April:

In Language Arts, kindergarten is focusing on recognizing patterns in sentences, recognizing what words change in the pattern, boosting phonological awareness to support visual cueing, and zooming in on letters and sounds while reading.

In math, the children continue their practice with coin counting and coin recognition, recognizing and writing numbers 50-100, fractions, telling time to the hour and half hour, and skip counting.

Seasons

How-To Writing

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

The Norton Museum Field Trip

Earth Day

Lifecycles

Letter Writing To The Troops with 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### First Grade

#### April:

First grade is using the month of April to focus on life and eggs. In life science, they are studying oviparous animals and are creating observation centers with live pets for the students to explore ladybug larva, caterpillars, ants, and tadpoles! The students will enjoy



watching these animals change through their cycles and record their growth.

Vowel Teams

Phonemes and “building” on their prior knowledge through the use of vowel teams

Fractions

Literary elements in fiction books

In writing, the students have moved into opinion/persuasive writing as they have enjoyed analyzing dogs and other animals. They are working on stating their opinion as to which animal they feel is best. This has tied seamlessly with the upcoming pet show as they had the opportunity to go to the Upper Campus to make biscuits for the SLC team to sell during the show.

## *Second Grade*

### *April*

Continuation of Flat Stanley Project – Students share the adventures of their flatties.

Preparations for Entrepreneur Project which is April 10<sup>th</sup>

Letter Writing for the Forgotten Soldiers

Earth Day



## Third Grade

### April

In Language Arts, third grade is working on understanding character through what they say and do. They are asking “why?” and digging deeper to try to create a theory about the character’s motivation.

Third graders will begin book clubs the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>. All third grade students will be mixed together and broken into small groups of 4-6 children to read and discuss a novel.

In math, the students are working on area and fractions.

In writing, students are learning how to get ideas for persuasive speeches and writing “flash drafts”. One draft will be chosen to develop into a published piece.

CTP5 testing will take place the week of April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Tapestry event for Forgotten Soldiers with 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Fearless Friday on April 12<sup>th</sup>

Entrepreneur speakers – Mrs. Borchardt, Mr. Anttila, and Mrs. Markin.