

Springing into 2022



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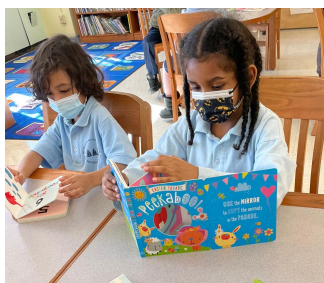
LIBRARY with Mrs. Pearce

Spring is in the Air!!!

Let's celebrate the Love of Reading!

March is National Reading Month and Women's History Month!

During the months of March and April, our scholars will be reading, discussing and listening to great books about women, along with wonderful Springtime art activities. What better time to read about the life cycle of butterflies and create beautiful caterpillars and butterflies! Our scholars will also research animals and create their habitats!



April is National Poetry Month! It's a great time to read poems written by some awesome authors like Shel Silverstein, Nikki Giovanni and Jack Prelutsky. Scholars will read and write their own poems to share

throughout the month! Let's not forget Earth Day! Our amazing scholars will read and learn about what we can do to save the Earth!

STEM Technology with Ms. Porras

Whoa! Can you believe Spring is right around the corner? We are looking forward to exciting things in Stem this spring.

This Spring, students in grades 4 & 5 will be working on some STEM and coding challenges.

The first one is called "The Great Chain Race". Teams will have to figure out a plan and work together towards designing the longest paper chain using only the materials in their mystery boxes. Stay tuned, to see who the winners are!



Students in Grades 2 and 3 will be continuing their coding courses using Code.org. They are sequencing commands in logical order and "debugging" their programs. We are so close to earning super cool Coding Certificates once courses are completed we will be moving on to different, more advanced Minecraft coding challenges.



Ways to Celebrate National Reading Month

- Reading is incredible, it has the ability to transport you from your chair to an exciting adventure. Open a map, close your eyes and let your finger land where it wants. Read about the country/continent you choose.
- Choose a theme, Transportation, Presidents, Space, Famous Women. Then enjoy reading about them.
- Choose an author and read several of their books.
- Read out loud to your child for at least 15 minutes a day.

Awesome Read Alouds for Women's History Month

- Kamala Harris: Rooted In Justice by Nikki Grimes
- She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World by Chelsea Clinton
- Parker Looks Up: An Extraordinary Moment by Parker Curry and Jessica Curry
- Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx by Jonah Winter
- A Computer Called Katherine by Suzanne Slade
- Secret Engineer, How Emily Roebling Built the Brooklyn Bridge by Rachel Doherty

Happy Reading! 😊



In early childhood STEM we are excited to begin our "Build It" unit to explore what we can build using lego blocks, wooden blocks and Texo blocks. We will also be using common household materials to build and create our own robots. Our first challenge will be: Can you build a house with a friend using only blocks? Stay tuned for pictures and drawings.



In the late spring, Early childhood students will explore the life of a caterpillar based on the story "Ten Little Caterpillars". Students will be drawing their observations and creating their own caterpillar or butterfly using household items. If you have any empty toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, or paper cups please send in them for our class.

