

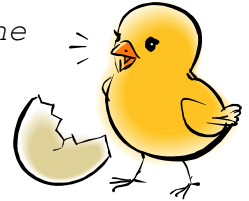


Dear Families,

Our theme for the week of April 12-16 is *Animals in the Spring*.



All baby animals grow. All baby animals change.
Some baby animals' bodies might even rearrange.
Some babies are adorable. Some really look quite strange.
The ideas for this theme provide youngsters with the range.



Children love animals, especially baby animals. With this theme, we'll learn how baby animals grow and change, just as we (children) grow and change. I will use some National Geographic children's magazines to help reinforce this concept. They have some excellent pictures and information. We'll learn about various animals' habitat, we'll name animal offspring and we'll brainstorm and list some of the children's favorite animals. We will also talk about "who made the animals?" If time allows, the children will get to create their own animals from play dough too.

Also during the week, we will be assessing the students as I continue to work on their developmental checklists for conference time. (This is comparable to a report card.) We are always busy, busy, busy! Please make sure your child is getting sufficient exercise, but also sufficient sleep during this time. I can imagine with this nice weather it's hard to get them inside and into bed on time. Spring is wonderful though, isn't it?

Your conference schedule will come home on Monday for P2 and P3 and on Tuesday for P1. Please check the backpack for it and return it ASAP. I have scheduled 61 conferences so please try to make your scheduled time. If it really doesn't work with your schedule, let me know and I will try to accommodate. I have left some time open on Friday afternoon for *necessary* changes. The conference time is 10 minutes. If you feel more time is needed, we'll schedule another time. I do need to stick with this time allotment in order for me to get in everyone's conference (and to get a lunch break☺). Thank you! I am looking forward to visiting with all of you.

Mrs. Ommen and I have set the **Preschool Graduation** date. It will be Wed, **May 19 at 5:30** in the school gym (which is also the lunchroom). Graduation is for all of those that

are going on to Kindergarten, whether it will be at JPII or elsewhere.

May God bless you,

Mrs. Owens