

# CMS Monthly News

# April

## 2024



Hooray for spring! We will celebrate the warmer weather with a month of family fun time.

There will be many outdoor activities planned. Class trips have been planned among other fun events for our Children's House and Elementary classes.

All of our classes will participate in activities that help us learn about and enjoy the upcoming school-wide celebration of Earth Day.

Please refer to this newsletter for all of the details and special information. Don't miss out on the fun! If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Ehlers in the school office.

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## I Heart the Earth Family Project

At the end of the newsletter there is a wonderful family project you can do and share with our school friends.

1. Color the Heart Earth
2. Fill out the bottom
3. Return your project by April 8th to the school office for display.

Thanks For Sharing!!!



Earth Day Celebration  
Monday, April 22nd

All of the students will enjoy a fun day of celebrating the earth! Each class will explore different earth related activities and games.

Topics will include: art projects, recycling, cycles of the earth, a special snack, and much, much more! Families are also encouraged to participate by thinking of ways to help the earth at home.

Some suggestions would be through recycling, planting trees and flowers, composting, etc... We will be excited to hear what your family comes up with!

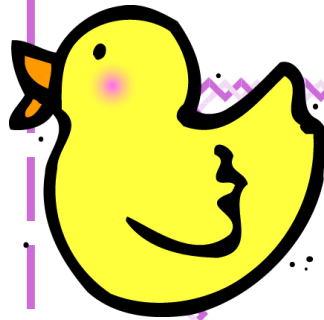
### Don't Forget!

It is not too late to e-mail or drop off your child's scrapbook pictures with Mrs. Ehlers.

You will be receiving your child's scrapbook pages in their Memory Book for the end of the term.

If you have questions about this project, please ask at the school office.

Thanks!



### School Newsletters and Class Calendars

∴ We like to remind our families that the school newsletters and class calendars for each month are available on the school website.

Please see the "Parent Information" tab and then scroll down to the "Calendars and Newsletters" tab.

Please keep in mind that event dates and times may change for a variety of reasons.

We recommend speaking with the school office if you are planning to arrive or pick up after 9 am or before 3 pm just to be safe.

### A Special Thanks!

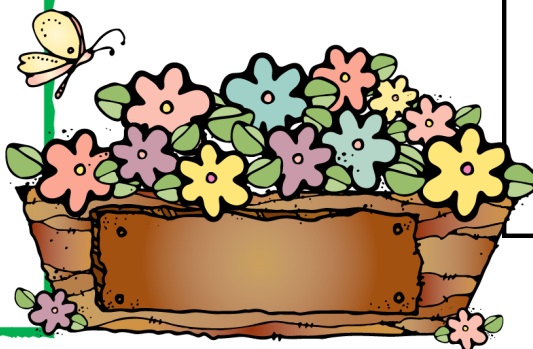
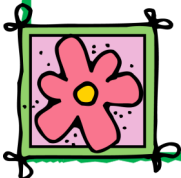
...to everyone who brought Zany Zoo animals to share. They were awesome!

...to all of the families for the wonderful donations of books!

...to all of the families for the great care activities they donated!

...to all of our parents for their ongoing support, help with our parent projects, involvement and care.

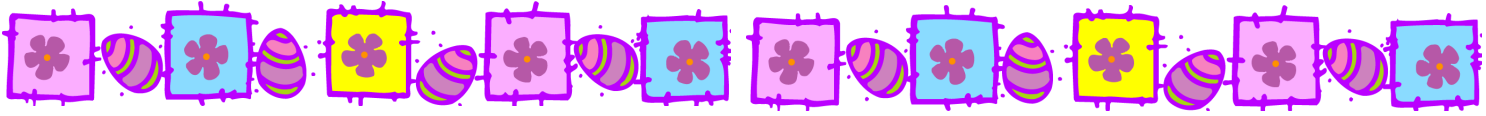
... to those who work so very hard behind the scenes each day making our hopes and dreams come true...



Spring Break

April 1st - 5th

**School Closed**



## Pajama and Game Day

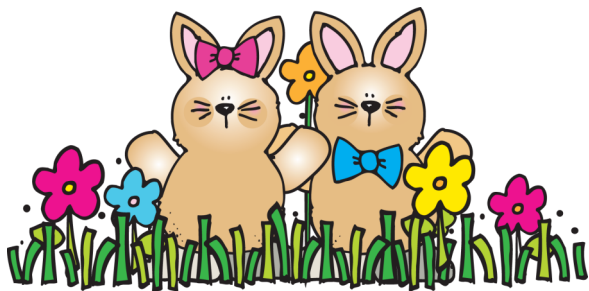
Friday, March 29, 2024

All classes will be having a Pajama and Game Day on the last day before Spring Break.

A movie may be shown, but as always, alternative activities are available for anyone not wishing to watch.

A sign will be posted of the movie title once it is selected. No pillows, blankets or sleeping bags please - Thanks!!!

Items to Bring  
Pajamas  
A Game to Share  
A Change of Clothes



## Crazy Sock Day!

It will be CMS Crazy Sock Day on Friday, April 12, 2024

On this day your child can wear their crazy socks for the day.

There will be lots of fun activities, games and photos for all...

Parents are welcome to join in the fun!



## CMS SUMMER OLYMPICS CAMP

SAVE THE DATES

Monday, July 8th  
Through  
Friday, August 16th

This will be 6 weeks of fun in the sun!!!

Looking forward to seeing you there...

Space is limited, so please let the office know if your child will be attending - Thanks!!!



# Our Need for Seeds

Dear CMS Parents and Families,

We are exploring the magical world of seeds. As part of our ongoing studies, we will be taking a closer look at seeds to find their parts. We will be getting down and dirty to find out how to plant a seed as well as going on a seed safari to see how seeds travel. We will learn the song "Traveling Seed Song" to assist us with our overall understanding of the wonderful world of seeds.

We need your assistance. Would you please help your student fill an empty egg carton with 12 different types of seeds? (Dried beans and nuts are seeds too!)

Please label each seed cup with the seed name.

Remind your student to carry their seed collection to school on Monday, April 29, 2024

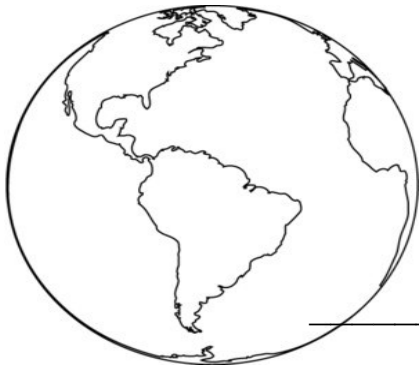
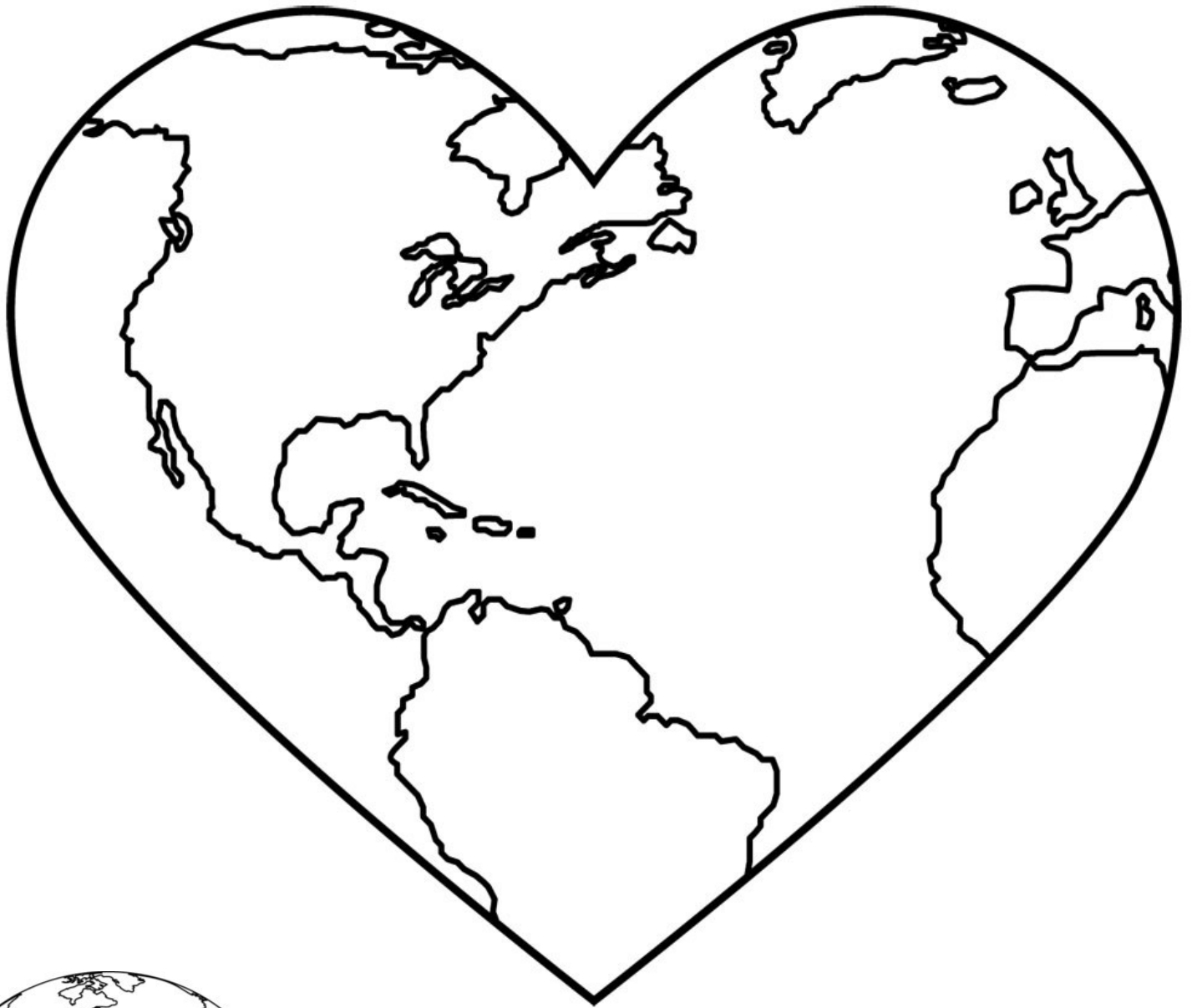
Your student will be sharing their collection with their class throughout the rest of the week.

Thanks for your excitement over seeds!!!

It will be great fun to show our seed containers to our friends!

The CMS Staff -





I heart the Earth by...

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My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# April

Children's House/Kindergarten—Green

## happy birthday

Bishop - 4/5  
Aggie - 4/28



# April SHOWERS BRING May FLOWERS



The Sun  
came  
out, and  
dried up  
all the  
rain...

## CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

### Unit: Our Beautiful Earth

- Social Sciences: Bridges
- Science: Estuaries, Sea Urchins, Sea Anemones
- Cooking: Dirt and Worms
- Grace & Courtesy: Including Others
- Special Days: I See Yellow Day, Earth Day Celebration, Happy Peep Day, Crazy Sock Day
- Field Trips: Squaxin Park
- Spanish/Sign Language: Animals and Nature



Police Department

Fun!

## A Note from Mrs. White...

Hello Families!

I am so excited to share with you the fun we are having in class! When Montessori education was in its infancy in Europe, many educators in the United States were critical of the method claiming that it did not offer enough socialization. Dr. Montessori's method not only encourages socialization, but provides opportunities that encourage students to engage in unique ways, very different from traditional education methods.

For example, you may have noticed when visiting our classroom that there is only one of each type of job on our shelves.

This causes students to engage one another by asking for a turn, practicing negotiation skills, and learning patience.

Another unique opportunity in our classroom comes when two students choose to work together. Often times students with similar abilities will choose a job to complete together. But my favorite times come when an older student works with a younger student as a mentor. It is amazing to see our 3rd year students acting as teachers. What a boost for their self-esteem and confidence! And our 1st and 2nd year students have a blast working with their older peers. Every day I am so amazed by our students!

# Teamwork!



January gave Laila a lesson on using the "snake game"

Hazel built numbers using beads and number cards



Brynn found a new way to use the red rods

# New Challenges!



Runa and Alma read together, Leah works with the trinomial cube, Maddie and Anaya make rainbow necklaces, Ander and Fiona build kabobs. What fun!

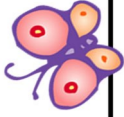







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Green  
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Capital Montessori School

# April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 Spring Break April 1-5	2	3	4	5	6	
	<b>School Closed</b>						
7	8 Turn in "I Heart The Earth" Project All Classes Resume Regular Schedule	9 Special Project Types of Bridges Fire Drill	10 I See Yellow Day	11 Special Project Famous Bridges Around the World	12 Crazy Sock Day 	13	
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14	15 Peeps Week 04/15-04/19	16 Special Project Parts of The Sea Urchin	17	18 Special Project Anemone Craft	19 Happy "Peep Day"	20	
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21	22 All School Earth Day Celebration  Earth Day	23 Special Project What a Green Plant Needs to Grow Earthquake Drill	24 Special Snack Dirt and Worms	25 Science Project Trash Free Lunch Challenge	26 Arbor Day Special Project Memory Book Page "All The Things I Love"	27	
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28	29 Turn in "Our Need for Seeds" Project	30 Trip - Squaxin Park 	National Garden Month National Poetry Month Keep America Clean Month National Education Month				All School Special Project Adopt A Baby Peep
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