

# 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!

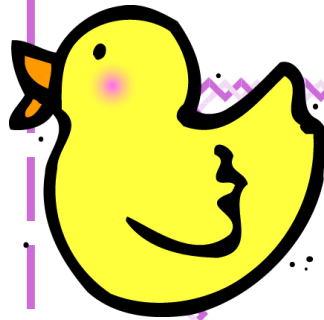
### Don't Forget!

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!

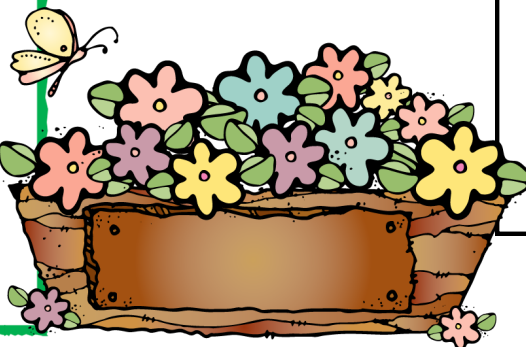
...to everyone who brought Zany Zoo animals to share. They were awesome!

...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.

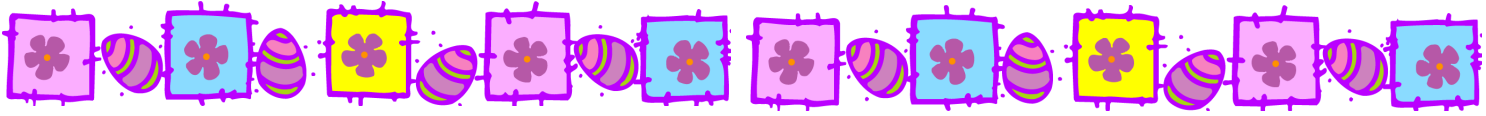
... to those who work so very hard behind the scenes each day making our hopes and dreams come true...



Spring Break

April 1st - 5th

**School Closed**



## Pajama and Game Day

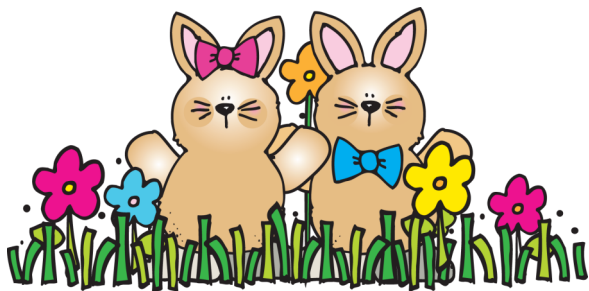
Friday, March 29, 2024

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

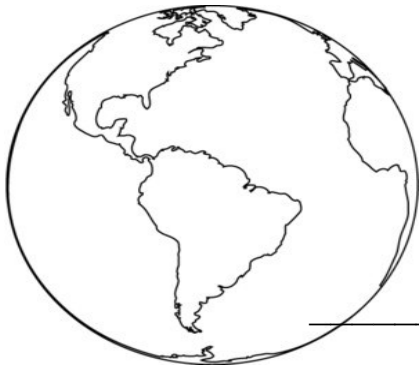
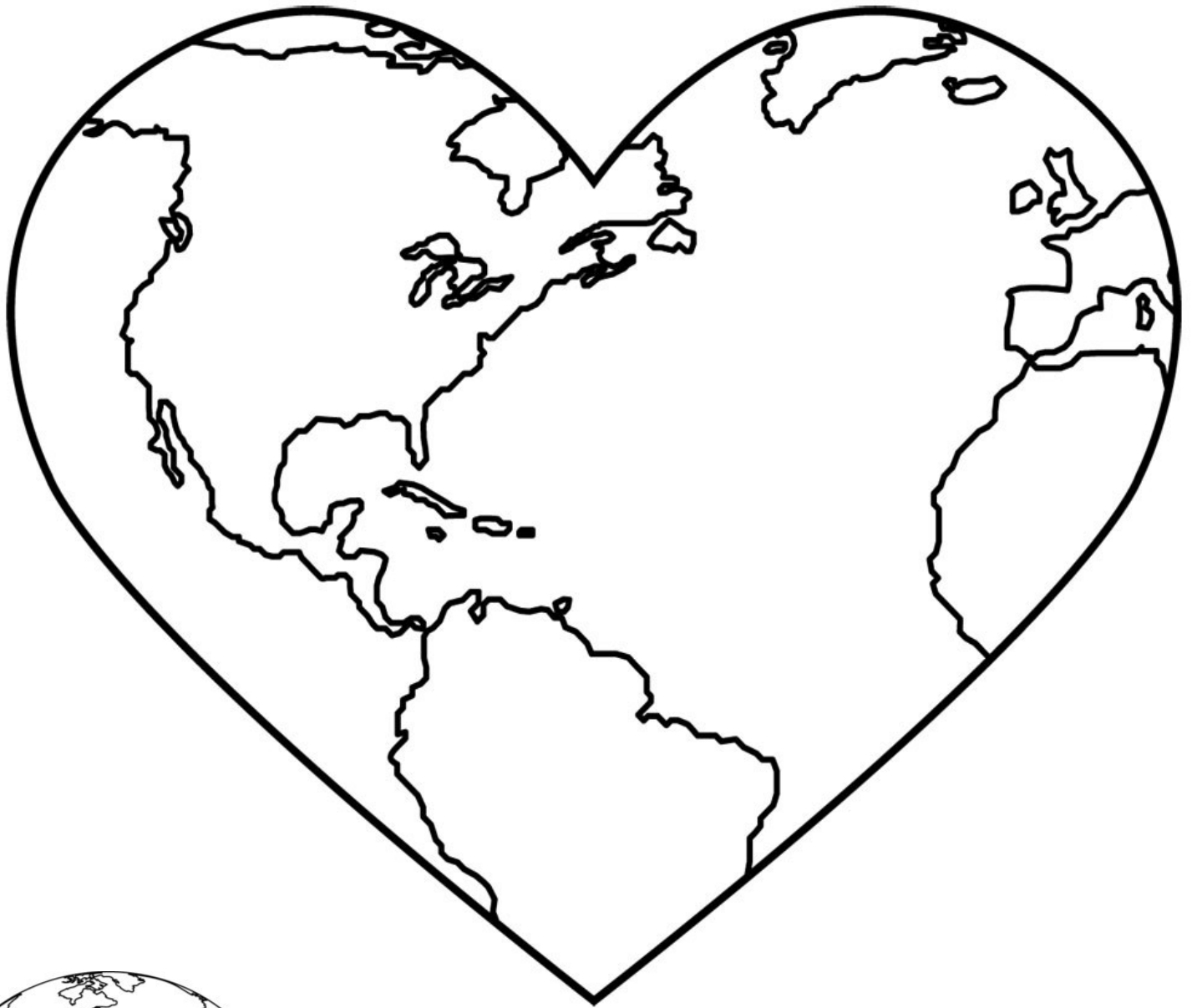
Your student will be sharing their collection with their class throughout the rest of the week.

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: \_\_\_\_\_



**Mrs. White  
and  
Mrs. Noble's  
Classroom News  
2024**



This Month's Field Trips  
and Special Events

Spring Break

**School Closed**

Monday, April 1st-Friday, April 5th

*CMS Resumes Regular Schedule  
Monday, April 8th*

Family Project:

"I Heart The Earth"

Monday, April 8th

Class Trip

Walking To Dairy Queen

Thursday, April 11th

Special Project:

Crazy Sock Day

Friday, April 12th

All School Peeps Week

Monday, April 15 - Friday, 19th

Class Trip

Play and Lunch at the R.A.C.

Thursday, April 18th

Earth Day Celebration

Monday, April 22nd

Olympia Junior Programs

3rd - 7th Grade

Tuesday, April 22nd

All School Special Project

Trash Free Lunch Challenge

Thursday, April 25th

Family Project:

"Our Need for Seeds"

Monday, April 29th

Classroom Birthday

No Birthdays



"It is not  
What you do  
For your  
children,  
But what you  
Have taught them  
To do  
For themselves  
That will make them

Successful  
Human  
Beings."

## Social Studies Classes

The following are some of the upcoming topics we will be covering in the month of April:

1. First Look at History
  - \* People and Families
  - \* Past and Present
  - \* Communities
2. Stories Around the World
  - \* Fiction and Nonfiction
  - \* Character
  - \* Story Telling
  - \* Plot
3. Earth
  - \* Our Planet Earth
  - \* Taking Care of the Earth



# Character Building Classes

Our Character Building Classes this month will include the topic of Leadership.

Many leaders also serve as parents, happily balancing a daily workload with ball games and family dinners. Along the way, most of these leader-parents also realize the influence they have over young minds. Today's children are tomorrow's leaders, especially if those children have parents who are leaders.

While leadership skills can come naturally, children learn lessons along the way that significantly impacts them later in life. The right words at the right time can make all the difference. Here are 10 tips to help you instill the right skills in the future leaders in your life:

**1. Set a Good Example:** As a leader, you realize the importance of setting a good example for your team. This is ever truer of your role as a parent.

**2. Encourage Team Activities:** Early on, identify your children's interests and encourage their participation in group activities.

**3. Emphasizes Perseverance:** The best leaders learn to handle failure as gracefully as they handle success. Children need to learn to handle loss and move forward.

**4. Build Negotiations Skills:** Every good leader knows the art of compromise. Teach them negotiation skills like never giving up something without asking for something else in return.

**5. Hone Decision-Making Abilities:** Children should learn how to make good decisions as early in life as possible. Children become overwhelmed by too many choices, narrow down the options to two or three. Teach your child to weigh the pros and cons of each option. This will help them to make correct decisions in everyday life.

**6. Practice Confident Communication:** Allowing children to order and speak directly to others will help them gain confidence in themselves and be able to communicate what they need.

**7. Encourage Work:** Often children are eager to begin working in some capacity. Start with simple jobs around the house and as the your child gets older expand to jobs outside the home. Early jobs will be essential to building leadership skills.

**8. Have Family Game Night:** Instead of spending an evening staring at your respective screens, consider an evening of board games instead. It helps children learn to be a good sport, play by the rules, and think strategically.

**9. Teach Project Planning Skills:** As a family, you likely have many planned events. Don't leave the children out of the planning process. Treat each event as though it were a business project.

**10. Reward Optimistic Thinking:** The fact that optimism is connected to success should not be lost on your family. Reward optimism, especially when that optimism is connected to attempting to reach a goal.

Financial experts say that "to teach your children money management you need to allow them to make mistakes." It will teach them valuable lessons that will help them throughout their whole life. It will also help them know what they can and can't afford.

In small ways, today's leaders can prepare younger generations for their future as business leaders. Each of these suggestions will not only create better leaders, but can help children perform better in school and develop better personal relationships throughout life.



## THANK YOU!!!

Thanks so much for all your support this year with all of our special projects. Together our families and staff make a wonderful team!!!

*We cannot create observers by saying "observe," but by giving them the power and the means for this observation and these means are procured through education of the senses*

- Dr. Maria Montessori



# Tumwater Fall Walking Trail

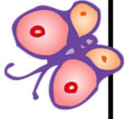







# Capital Montessori School

# April

# Lower/Upper Elementary White/Noble 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 Spring Break April 1-5	2	3	4	5	6	
	<b>School Closed</b>						
7 Thematic Unit What is The Spring Season?	8 Turn in "I Heart The Earth" Project All Classes Resume Regular Schedule	9 Special Project Earth Day Craft Fire Drill	10 I See Yellow Day	11 Special Project Walking to Dairy Queen	12 Crazy Sock Day 	13	
14 Thematic Unit All About Butterflies	15 Peeps Week 04/15-04/19	16 Special Project Making Litter Bags	17 Special Project My Favorite Peeps	18 Special Trip Play and Lunch at The R.A.C. 1st - 5th grade	19 Happy "Peep Day"	20	
21 Thematic Unit Celebrating Our Earth	22 All School Earth Day Celebration  Earth Day	23 Special Trip Olympia Junior Programs 3rd - 7th grade 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	
28 Thematic Unit The Continent of Australia	29 Turn in "Our Need for Seeds" Project	30 Special Trip Lacey Timberland Library 	National Garden Month National Poetry Month Keep America Clean Month National Education Month				All School Special Project Adopt A Baby Peep