

April themes include: On the Farm ; Springtime Holidays; Birds, Bees & Butterflies; Jj, Qq & Xx and Ocean Life. Check the calendar for your "homework assignments".

Scholastic book orders will be due the week of April 13. Your orders help our school earn free books.

10th annual Easter Party, Egg hunt and Hat Parade is on Thurs. April 9th.

School will be closed Friday, April 10 in observance of Good Friday.

Does your child have a complete change of clothes? Are they weather appropriate?

Please make sure your child wears sneakers and socks to school every day.

Zebras go swimming every Friday beginning the week of 4/20.

It's not too late to sign up for enrichment classes. See the enrichment calendar posted on our website or on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Have a Joyous Easter



# YMCA Child Development Center

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## School Pictures

Young Image will be back on Friday, April 3 to take school pictures. Signs are posted on the door so that you can get an idea of the background and props.

## Parent Committee Meeting

We will be holding a parent committee meeting Friday, April 3 from 11:30 to 12:30. On the agenda, teacher appreciation week, jambalaya fundraiser & Family work day. A light lunch will be served.

## Easter Party, Egg Hunt and Hat Parade

The 10th annual Easter party, egg hunt and hat parade will be held on Thursday, April 9 from 3:00 to 4:00.

Each child should bring 2 hard-boiled eggs to school no later than Tuesday, April 7.

Each class will color their eggs during center time.

Your homework assignment: help your child make a hat to show off during the parade. Elaborate or simple, it doesn't matter, just have fun creating a hat together. Bring it to school on party day. The children will have made baskets for egg hunting. The "Easter bunny" will visit the center during naptime on the 9th and hide the eggs.

After nap, we will parade over to the Y to show off the hats the children made

and then each class will hunt for their eggs and have a special snack. Parents are encouraged to join us and the Easter bunny needs a bit of help.

Please join us.

## School Closed

The school will be closed Friday, April 10th in observance of Good Friday. We hope you have a joyous Easter holiday.

## Mrs. Heather's Strawberry Patch

The Zebras and Crickets will be going to Mrs. Heather's Strawberry Patch in Albany to pick fresh strawberries right off the plant. We would like to extend an invitation for the Tadpoles to attend too along with an adult chaperone. The children will listen to a story & pick a basket of strawberries to take home.

Mrs. Heather will also have face painting available and a small petting zoo too. We will have a picnic lunch at the farm before we return to school. We will leave at 9:00 sharp and return to school about 1:30. We need many volunteers for this trip to help with the strawberry picking. We hope that you can attend.



Over for more information



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Special birthday wishes go to Aaron Smith (Cricket) on the 3rd and Micah Land (Cricket) and Ella King (Zebra) share a birthday on the 12th. Please help us wish all our friends a wonderful day.



## SWIMMING

Beginning the week of the 20th, the Zebras will go swimming every Friday afternoon from 3:00—3:45. Please make sure you provide your Zebra with a swimsuit, towel and either pool shoes or slip on shoes to wear back and forth to the pool.

## SWIM LESSONS

Spring swim lessons have begun and are completely full! Summer lessons are available but sign up quick as they tend to fill up fast. All Tadpoles, Crickets and Zebras are eligible to participate but must be able to follow directions, and be fully potty trained. The cost for each session is \$45.00 for YMCA members and \$85.00 for non-members. See the enrichment board for session dates. We will walk swimmers to and from their lessons only if registered for the 3:00—3:45 class. Spaces are limited and reserved only with payment in full. See Jennifer for more information.

## SHOES, SHOES, SHOES

The weather is indeed warming up and the temptation to allow your child to wear sandals and slip-on shoes is overwhelming but

## RESIST THE TEMPTATION!

Please make sure you send your child to school in sneakers and socks. Wearing sneakers without socks promotes the growth of fungus, especially in hot weather. If you cannot convince your little one to wear them, we can. Just send the sneakers and socks with your child and we



will have them change into them here at school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

*Scholastic book orders are due the week of April 14th. For each book you order, the school earns points toward free books. The books are inexpensive and of good quality. This is a great way to expand your library.*

## HOMEWORK

Please make sure you are checking the calendar for homework assignments. We use the pictures the children bring in to extend, enhance and reinforce the lessons we present. It's also a great one on one activity for you and your child.

## Family Work Day

Please join us for first annual Family Work Day, Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 to 1:00. We will have sitters to provide activities for any children in attendance. This will be a day for families to volunteer for simple repairs, painting, and general sprucing up. We'll order pizza and have a great time while making our school a more beautiful place. I hope to see every one here!

## JAMBALAYA FUNDRAISER

We are conducting a Jambalaya fundraiser to purchase additional outdoor equipment on April 24th. Last year, our goal was to raise \$1,400.00 but we did not reach it. I hope to raise it this year. The Jambalaya Shoppe will be providing the food. Each child will be asked to sell at least 10 tickets. More information on specifics will be given out with the tickets. We will have tickets for you all on Monday, April 6th and ask that you pre-sell the dinners so that we can accurately estimate the amount of jambalaya we will need. We are working on a donation for soft drinks but if we cannot secure it, we will also need each child to donate (if you are able) 2 12-packs of your favorite soft drink to include with the dinners. The dinners will sell for \$6.00 and include jambalaya, salad, roll & drink. We will have extra jambalaya available for walk-up orders but not much. These will sell for \$7.00.



Brighton's dad, Kevin, lends his hands every year but we can use a couple of extras. Contact Jennifer if you would like to help.