



Classroom News!
from Prek classroom

**What is happening
this month?**

5/12 Mother's Day
Event

5/29 Memorial Day-
No School

5/31- Storybook Land
Trip

Over the next six weeks our class will be investigating Trees. This study builds upon children's interest in trees to help them explore science and social studies. During the tree study we will focus on developing an understanding of the characteristics of trees and their role in our natural man made world. During the study, children will use skills in literacy, math, and arts to investigate and represent their knowledge about trees.

Centers

Art Center: During our tree study students will have access to photos of trees and Evergreen Sprigs to paint with. Students will use the photos of trees to get ideas as they create their own art. Additionally, students will use sandpaper for wood working tools. We will also recycle all of our broken crayons and turn them into tree crayons using tree shaped molds.

Music Center: In our music center students will have access to musical instruments made from tree parts and wooden instruments.

Science Center: Students will have access to a collection of tree parts to examine, explore, and organize. Additionally, students will have access to paper and crayons for bark and leaf rubbings. During this study we will have a real tree in our classroom to take care of.

Fine Motor: Students will have access to Lincoln logs and leaf/ tree puzzles. We will also practice sorting tree photos and parts.

Library: We will read books about trees and what foods animals get from trees. These books will be on display in the library for students to access freely.

Blocks: In the block center students can assemble their own trees using blocks with photos of each part of a tree (roots, trunk, branches, leaves, etc.). They will also have access to forest animals and blocks made from real trees.

Dramatic Play: Students will pick apples off of the trees in our Apple Orchard. They will also have access to a pie making station where they can assemble their own pies using different colored fruits. They will also pretend to buy and sell different apple products at the apple market.

