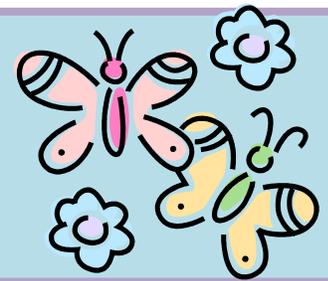


# Airport Learning Tree

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### Upcoming Events



**4/14** Easter Egg Hunt

**4/21** PNO Hosted by  
Chela, Tracy, & Denae



Happy Birthday to you,  
Happy Birthday to you,  
Happy Birthday dear...

Gideon

Tanya

Brandon

Beau

Adriana

Killian

Ewan

Sloane

Skyler

Emily

Haley

Rose

Corbin

Mario

Trent

Teacher Debbi  
and Teacher Denae  
Happy Birthday to you!

## ALT News



### Coming Up

Looking ahead, we know it's a ways out, but we will be having our Mother's Day Tea Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The performances will begin at 3:30pm and will be followed by refreshments. Please put it in your calendars so you can join us.



### Spring Pictures

Life Touch was here to take our spring pictures March 28<sup>th</sup>. The prints are usually back within 3-4 weeks. You then get to take the pictures home, choose which ones you want, and return payment and any portraits you aren't purchasing.

### Important Information

Please be sure to check the front desk countertops and the door for important information. If your child has had an accident that day, the accident report will be located at the front desk for you to read and sign. We also put Parent's Night Out sign-up sheets, upcoming events, field trip permission slips, and things happening in the community on the countertops or door as well.



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The schedule will be (close to) as follows:

Wobbs/Todds: 9:45am

Preschool: 10:00 am

Jr. K: 10:15 am

Kindergarten: 10:30 am

### Parkrose Connect to Kindergarten

If your child will be attending kindergarten in the Parkrose school district this fall, they are hosting their 'Connect to Kindergarten' event Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:30pm at your zoned PR elementary school.

More information can be found on their website.

### Parking Lot

Unfortunately, we have had some bad activity in our parking lot as of recent including a teacher's car being stolen.

Please do not leave any valuables in your car even for the short time it takes to drop off or pick up your child. Also, please do not leave your kids in your car unattended. If need be, we can grab something you forgot and run it out or stand outside and watch your kids. Just let us know.

## Snuggle Bunnies loved by Denae & Courtney

Welcome Snuggle Bunny families! April showers bring May flowers. We have been having a wonderful spring so far. We are sad to see Cadence leave. We will miss her so much. Her smile always makes our day. Aurora will be our only girl to hold it down. Gideon is our oldest now as he will be turning one this month. He's going to be visiting the Wobbly Lamb classroom to start preparing for the transition. Our class has been doing tummy time art, which we all really enjoy.

Soon we will put our Easter eggs up to decorate the wall. All the bunnies have been doing fantastic. We look forward to an amazing April.



## Wobbly Lambs loved by Jan, Tracy & Deena

Here we are in April! We are loving all the signs of spring - warmer air, birds, trees, sprouting their leaves. Outside fun is on the way. We are saying so long to Eleanor and Dakota as they move on to the toddler room. They are both so ready to be bigger girls! We would like to welcome Skyler to our room. He will have a blast in the wobbler room.

We will be working with our little ones this month using sign language. It really helps with communication. Also we will be counting and sorting colors with blocks. The children love book time. They like listening to the stories and looking through the pictures. We will have fun with puppets, little people, and build with our big Legos.

We hope you have a nice month!

Happy Easter!

## Tiger Cubs I loved by Reanna & Deena

Time marches on and so does March! April is hopping in with Easter right around the corner. In March, we reviewed the letters J through M, the numbers 3-7, and the colors orange, yellow, green and blue. We made a lot of rainbows and shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day and we dug into spring time and gardening. Rainbows and flowers have sprung

up in our hallway, and we will be popping up with our Easter decorations too. In April, we'll review the letters N through Q, the numbers 8-11, and the colors purple, pink, white and brown. We practiced the signs for "rainbow" and "flower" in March, in April we will learn "bunny" and "grow." Speaking of grow, we're going to be focusing on growing some

plants in our room and outside in the playground area. We're looking for some new "reuse" ideas for our planters. If you happen to have old boots that are no longer good for wear, old wooden crates or boxes, water troughs, old pots, buckets, bricks, etc. that you'd like to donate we'd love it! We can't wait to get our fingers dirty while gardening this spring.

## Tiger Cubs II loved by Abby & Chela

This past month, we focused on outer space and St. Patrick's Day. We also started potty training at school and the kids have done great. We actually had a little potty party to celebrate. Furthermore, we introduced a new program into our weekly schedule: Cooking with Chela! This past week we made lemonade and next month we'll squeeze our own orange juice, make nachos, and create our own pizzas! We'll also celebrate Earth Day by diving into nature with dirt and play, and experiment with science.

Sadly, this month we are saying "see you later" to Danny, Jaxin, and Mason as they move up to preschool. We will miss them but are so proud of them as they officially make this big jump! We look forward to a busy April month, and hopefully being able to spend more time outside!

## Fuzzy Ducks loved by Deby, Kierra, Briana & Stacey

We started the month off with Dr. Seuss's birthday. What a yummy cake we made. When we do cooking projects, we learn how to follow recipes. We also had a lot of kid birthdays and celebrated Teacher Kierra's birthday. We learned about the rain, wind, sun and our favorite...snow!

That silly leprechaun visited our room several times and left so many messes we had to clean up. We tried to trap him but he always got away. He did leave us chocolate coins, for our efforts.

We have some kids making the move to Jr. K in April. We will be saying see ya later to Julian, Emily, Evan and Zaydon. We will be welcoming Mason, Danny, and Jaxin from the toddler room. It will be great having them join us. If anyone has questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

April will be a great month of learning about April showers. We will be doing "The Bean Bag Puddle Toss." Art will be raindrops and umbrellas. What do we wear when it rains? Boots, raincoat, and what else? We will

learn the poem *Rain, Rain Go Away*. Then there is Easter week. We will paint bunnies, paint paper eggs, dye eggs, and have an Easter egg hunt. We will even make some deviled eggs, Yum! We are going to learn about how to take care of our earth. We will talk about what to recycle, not to litter, and saving energy by turning out lights. Also not to waste water. Learning about bugs will be a blast. We will make lady bugs, bees and caterpillars. Maybe we will even dig for worms. For snack, we will have ants on a log.

## Bouncy Bears loved by Hanna, Briana & Joy

Goodbye winter and HELLO SPRING! March was a tricky month for us! We made rainbows on our pot of gold, used glow in the dark green glow sticks, colored leprechauns, and threw a St. Patrick's Day party! (Some of our friends called it our green party. Cute!) We also had the chance to talk about our friend Patrick (our class leprechaun). Patrick was super nice, giving us chalk for those rainy days! When our friends were asleep, he left us some gold coins around the classroom. We all got two pieces of gold coins, but we had to find them all over the classroom. Patrick even had other teachers find them too! Then one day, we started to wonder when we would get to meet Patrick. Well, Patrick is very, very tricky and hard to catch. One day he left us green footprints on our classroom table. We don't know how he was able to hide the gold coins without getting caught, but we know St. Patrick's Day is his very favorite holiday. So, we decided to set up a trap to catch our leprechaun friend and put gold underneath a lifted bucket. When we woke up, the bucket was down. Patrick was not inside and got away! But he left us a note wishing us best of luck and try to catch him again next year. We would like to thank all our parents

for bringing us some yummy leprechaun food. We had free choice, bounced around, and had a dance party. Ask your child to write their names because everyone is doing outstanding recognizing their letters and the sounds of what each letter of the alphabet makes. Our friends even recognize the entire classroom names. They can identify anybody's name in the class if a teacher points to a bucket, and we also have name cards at circle time and we can recognize which friend starts with which letter! We have been practicing writing our numbers.

Now let's blossom some new ideas for April! We are going to prepare two celebrations - Easter and Earth Day. We are going to make cute bunnies! We are also going to discuss where chicks come from and how they hatch from eggs! As we come closer to Easter, we will create our own mini Easter baskets, and paint eggs with food coloring and decorate them with stickers and maybe we use some markers to make other cool designs. Then, we will give them to the Easter bunny to find us some good hiding spots outside. For earth day, we will discuss the importance of reduce, reuse, and recycle. We are helping mother earth when we turn off the lights if

we are not using them. We can turn off our sinks when we are done using them so we don't waste the water. We can recycle boxes, plastics, and paper. As we get closer to better weather at the end of the month, we will explore insects. We're going to learn about ladybugs, dragonflies, bumble bees, and how caterpillars change into beautiful butterflies. We will also adopt some caterpillars of our own to see them change into a whole new personality. (Our teachers are excited to see what types of creative names we will come up with for our critters). We are so excited we hardly wait for next month. We also have a few new friends joining us in the month of April. Welcome Emily, Evan, Julian, and Zaydon to Jr. K. As we get more friends coming in, we can build new friendships and expand our creativity for our Jr. K classroom!



## Kangaroos loved by Ru & Paige

We have finished another busy month in kindergarten and are looking forward to the hopefully changing weather. We started off March talking about "Space and Robots" and really surprised our teacher with our knowledge of planets. We've also become very interested in 'memory games' where all the cards are placed face down and you take turns with a partner trying to find the matches. We had a space/robot version of this game and some of us spent hours playing! We also split into two groups and did a teacher directed drawing activity that led to us drawing robots. Even though our teachers gave us the directions, we all ended up with different looking robots - different sizes, some with two eyes and some with several, some with squiggly arms and some with straight. The next day we took our time and colored our robots and then gave them a name and told a teacher what they do. We really showed off our creativity throughout this activity. We then moved onto St. Patrick's Day and that darn Lucky the

Leprechaun returned. We were starting to worry he wouldn't be visiting us as the days of March passed and he didn't show up, but when he did finally come, he really came in with a bang! He destroyed our classroom! There were chairs on top of tables, white boards knocked down, paper and pencils thrown throughout the room, our coats and backpacks thrown all over the carpet, and even his green footsteps on top of the table! He is so mischievous! While we got a little frustrated by his messes at first, we all quickly worked together to clean them up and were rewarded when he left us his favorite snack one morning, Lucky Charms of course. He even led us on a scavenger hunt which we were sure would end with our trap catching him, but he is just too sneaky. He did, however, leave us treats! He went back to Ireland and we finished up March learning about "Transportation" and then taking a break with the school age kids during spring break. Transportation week had us playing another version

of the memory game, reading some new books, and making trains, cars, planes or boats out of shapes.

Looking ahead to April, we will start out with farm week, followed by learning a little about nutrition. We will then learn about recycling, in preparation for Earth Day, and finish out the month learning about bugs! We will sprinkle in some Easter and spring activities throughout the month, and maybe even start thinking about Mother's Day gifts and performances. We will be busy! Of course we will still be writing our name each day, we are all now working on our last name as well. The next step will be doing it without a teacher providing the letters. The first name will be easy but the last name might give us a bit of trouble. We'll have it mastered by June! We are having a great time together and look forward to the last couple months of our 'school year.' Hopefully we will be spending a fair amount of time outside as well so please make sure we have at least a light jacket for the days we need it.

## Panthers loved by Robin, Paige & Shirley

In March, we did a lot of really neat projects because of all the time we spent together during spring break. We made books, dolls, sun catchers, whirly gigs, pinwheels, rubber band bracelets, and fuse bead creations. It was tons of fun! Also in March, teacher Paige created a new rewards program for us. Each of us has been placed on a team and we work

together to earn points. With these points, we can 'buy' different rewards. So far it's been pretty cool. We're all working hard to make good choices, earn points, and get all the cool rewards.

In April we are looking forward to doing lots of fun Easter activities including decorating our own eggs and baskets, making tissue paper

eggs, and going on an Easter parade to the other classes (with our handmade bunny ears and noses).

We are a fun and energetic group of kids who are looking forward to creating more unique projects and spending more time outside in the sunshine!

## Just For Fun

### Home Depot Kids Workshop

**When:** First Sat., 9-12pm

**Where:** Various Home Depot Locations  
**Description:** Free, monthly hands-on, "how-to" craft\* workshops designed for kids ages 5-12.

**04/01** Build a Bunny Basket

### Lakeshore Learning

**When:** Every Sat, 11am -3pm

**Where:** Lakeshore Learning Store, 16901 SW 65th Ave., Lake Oswego

**Description:** FREE fun craft activities for ages 3+

Information: 503-620-9888 or lakeshorelearning.com.

**04/01** April Showers Craft

**04/08** Up, Up & Away! Kite

**04/15** Celebrate Spring! Treat Basket

**04/22** Earth Day Watering Can Craft

**04/29** Little Ladybug! Teacher Appreciation Card

### \$4 Zoo Second Tuesday

**When:** Tue. April 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 4pm

**Where:** Oregon Zoo, 4001 SW Canyon Rd. Portland, OR 97221

**Description:** Enjoy all of the fun wildlife and adventure at the Oregon Zoo for a fraction of the cost with \$4 admission per person. Children 2 and under are, as always, admitted free of charge. Ride transit and receive an additional \$1.50 off with proof of ridership. There is a fee for parking a well.

### Wondrous Wednesdays

**When:** Wed. April 5<sup>th</sup> 10am - 5pm

**Where:** World Forestry Center 4033 SW Canyon

**Description:** Tour the World Forestry Center for the discounted price of \$3 per person. Ride the wet-free rapids, try your smoke jumping skills, and discover interesting things about forests all over the world. There is a fee for parking as well.

### Second Saturday at WREC

**When:** Sat. April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1pm - 3pm

**Where:** Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way

**Description:** Second Saturdays at the Water Resources Education Center are not only fun, they're free! Each second Saturday of the month, from 1 to 3 p.m., kids and their families are invited to explore a different topic through hands-on activities, games and stories.

### **April: Critter Count**

Celebrate Earth Month and explore the important roles reptiles and amphibians (herps) play in nature's ecosystems. Families are invited to view a variety of unusual snakes, lizards, and other cold blooded animals during live critters shows at 1 and 2 pm. Learn about fascinating creatures that slither, crawl and climb! If you have ever thought about keeping herps as pets, find out which ones are good for beginners. Discover simple things you can do in your yard to attract and protect frogs and other wildlife.

### \$2 Days at OMSI

**When:** First Sun. of every month, **04/02**

**Where:** OMSI

1945 SE Water St., Portland, OR 97214

**Description:** Enjoy discounted \$2 admission to OMSI.

### Guided Nature Hike

**When:** Saturdays, 10-11:30am

**Where:** Tryon Creek Park 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd.

**Description:** Free guided nature hikes exploring the forest and stream ecosystems and natural history at Tryon Creek State Natural Area. Topics will vary from week to week but will be appropriate for all ages.

Parents must accompany kids on all hikes. **No pre-registration required.** For more specific information or if bringing groups larger than 10, call (503) 636-9886 ext. 225.

**04/08** Trillium Walk

**04/15** Exploring the Plants of the Tryon Creek forest

**04/22** The Fish of Tryon Creek

**04/29** The Trees of Tryon Creek

Check out these great sources for more family fun activities...

### Multnomah County Library

<https://multcolib.org/events/programs>

### Vancouver Family Magazine

[www.vancouverfamilymagazine.com/calendar.html](http://www.vancouverfamilymagazine.com/calendar.html)

### PDX Kids Calendar

<http://www.pdxkidscalendar.com/summer-fun-events/>