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Upcoming Statutory Holidays:

Good Friday & Easter

March 29 & April 1

Providers receive these days off
and the office will be closed.

Office Hours:

Monday ~ Friday

8:00am ~ 4:30pm

Closed most days between
12:00pm ~ 1:00pm for Lunch



Dear Providers,

This is the month where we bid a fond farewell to Winter and welcome Spring with a smile on our face and a heart full of plans! I hope you have enjoyed some wonderful outdoor Winter activities and that you are excited for more in the coming months.

Please continue the great job you are doing at getting your paperwork in on time at the end of each month. It is so much easier for me to prepare payroll when we are all on time.

Just a wonderful note, we have received our approval for accreditation for this second year, YAY us!!

Have a fantastic month, a Happy Easter and first day of Spring!

~ Angel

“In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.”

~ Margaret Atwood



Cooking Activities

Easter Brunch Pizza

You will need:

1 Tube Biscuit Dough
 Pizza Sauce
 Pizza Toppings
 Cheese



Open dough tube and pull apart the biscuits. Form all into one and shape as an egg. Bake in oven at 350 for 8 minutes. Let cool. Ad all ingredients and decorate like an egg. Return to oven until cheese is melted about 5-10 minutes. Serve warm.

Easter Bunny Nests

You will Need

1 Cup of Chocolate Chips
 1 Cup Shredded Coconut
 Jelly Bean Eggs or Chocolate Eggs

Melt the chocolate in a microwaveable bowl. When the chocolate is smooth stir in the coconut and drop the mixture by heaping spoonful's onto waxed paper lined cookie sheets. While the nests are still warm, use your thumbs to poke an impression into the middle of each. Cool them and fill with eggs. Makes about a dozen.



Art Activities

Easter Egg Sun Catcher

You will need:

Contact Paper
 Tissue Paper Squares
 Ribbon

Cut the contact paper in the shape of eggs. Once you are ready, peel the paper off the back and allow the children to stick as many tissue paper squares as they would like all over the sticky part of the egg. Once finished, hole punch a hole at the top and string a ribbon through to hang.



Egg Gift

You will need:

Small Balloons
 Tissue Paper
 Glue
 Paint Brushes
 Candy

Inflate and tie a small balloon for each child. Give each child a balloon, a paint brush, small bowl of glue and tissue paper. Encourage the children to pain the glue on the balloon and to cover the glue with tissue paper of all colours. Wait for the glue to dry and then cut the end of the balloon. Allow the children to place some candy in the hole and then to cover the whole up with more tissue paper. They can give their colorful eggs as gifts or for an Easter surprise they can smash them and have the candy.

Fun Activities

Science Activity

Growing Peep

You will need:

Peeps
Microwave



Place a peep on a plate and ask the children to measure the peep with measure tape. Ask they children what they think will happen to the peep in the microwave. Turn the microwave on for 20 seconds and watch as the peep grows and grows.

Egg Dying

You will need:

Vinegar
Food Dye
Warm Water
Hard Boiled Eggs



Boil eggs and allow to cool. Mix together 3/4 cup warm water, 1Tbs Vinegar and 1/4 Tsp food colour into small bowls. Make many colours so the children can choose and mix.

Allow each child to make their own eggs, if they use wax crayons before dipping the colour will not go where the crayons were. Allow the children to see the inside of an egg before you boil and one after you boil them to see how they change. As long as you store in the fridge you can use your eggs for food later, or send them home.

Math Activity Counting Your Eggs

You will need:

Plastic Easter Eggs
Felt Pens

Take 10 plastic eggs and write a number on the top and the bottom. Make sure there are numbers 1-10 on a top and on a bottom. Leave them all mixed up and opened on a table or in a bucket and allow the children to put them together with the matching numbers.

FUNNIES!



Q: What do you get when you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?

A: Hot cross bunnies!

Q: Why did the Easter egg hide?

A: He was a little chicken!

Q: What did the carrot say to the rabbit?

A: Do you want to grab a bite!

Q: Why shouldn't you tell an Easter Egg Joke?

A: It might crack up!

Q: Ho did the Easter Bunny rate the parade?

A: He said it was eggs-cellent!

Q: What do you call a rabbit that makes jokes?

A: A funny bunny!

Q: How does the Easter Bunny travel?

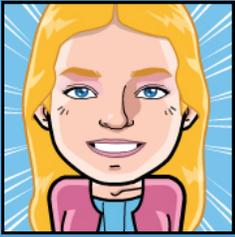
A: By hare plane!

Q: Where did the Bunny go to dance?

A: To the bunny Hop!



A Message

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I**Happy March!**

Well, March has definitely come in like a lion! Let's hope the lamb shows her gentle head by the end of the month!

I would like to express to each one of you how much I enjoy coming to visit you each month, sometimes our visits are short, but I hope you are getting as much out of them as I am :) As I mentioned at the February meeting, I will be starting to do Performance As-

essments in March during our visits. As these are something we will do together, I will call ahead, to schedule a day when you may have less children and during nap times so we can have some uninterrupted time together. These assessments are just personal evaluations that you and I do together; to help me, help you, in any areas that maybe need improving, and to problem solve any issues that there may be. This is also to feature your strengths so we can utilize them to the fullest, whether it be helping us with a meeting workshop, or helping a fellow provider with new and different ideas if she is having trouble with programming, snack/craft ideas, or prop box ideas.. You get the picture!

As some of you have not been with us for a year yet, your evaluations will come after you have been with us for one year, so throughout the next few months, everyone will get their turn!

Before I come, please feel free to write down anything you think may pertain to our visit... your personal strengths and weaknesses, what you are interested in doing as far as workshops, courses, interests you may have for furthering your education, etc. This will help things go smoother! (And you won't forget the question you thought of in the middle of the night that you wanted to ask... :)) Please do not hesitate to call me at the office if you have any questions or concerns. March is also Conference month!! I am so excited that so many of you have decided to come this year! It will be my first in Lethbridge, as I have always attended up in Red Deer, so I look forward to being there with all of you! For the meeting in March, I would like for everyone who attended the Conference to bring their paperwork/pamphlets to the meeting, and we can have a sharing night of everything we have learned! I believe everyone learns a different point of view of each session, and would love to hear about what each of you took away from it! If there is a certain session that many enjoyed, maybe we can look into having a private workshop for one of our meetings in the future. Maybe keep some notes during your sessions to help you remember important things you would like to share!

Just as a last reminder... please Google your play structures in your back yards, print off for yourself (and email one to me) the page that has manufacturers recommendations for surfacing, so if asked by licensing during a visit, we can prove it either needs it or not. Remember if it recommends surfacing and you do not have your structure on pea gravel, it cannot be used by children during day home hours.

Have a great month! See you soon for our visits!

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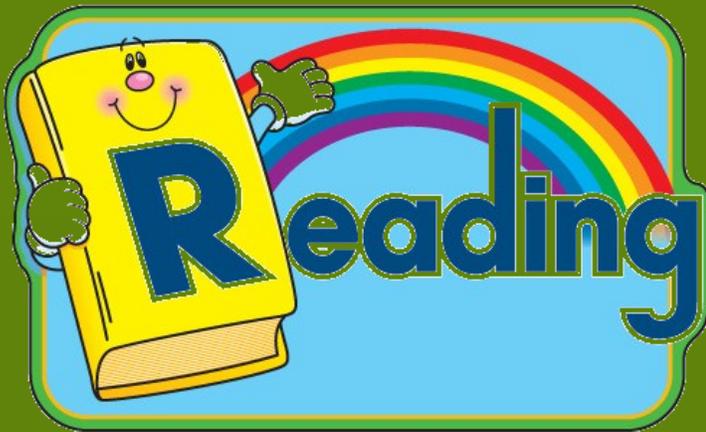
Provider Spotlight

February: Torre Truba

Thank you Torre for turning your home into an Art Gallery!
I love how you post up all of your children's artwork, and your own, and make it all about Art! I appreciate how you simply offer the supplies, and let the children's imagination come through on their paper! Thank you!

March: Lindsey Gehring

Thank you Lindsey for all of your hard work with making your Day Home such a fun place to be! I love that you have many different centers out at all times of the day so the children can make their own choices, and your busy children have the opportunity to learn, explore, and play all day long!
Thank you for all you do!

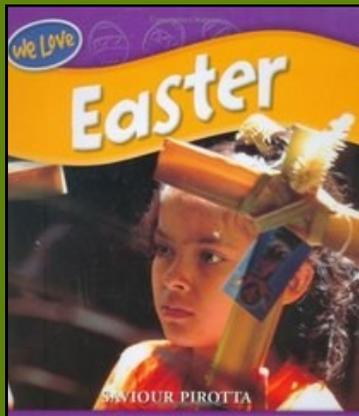


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Easter

By Saviour Pirotta

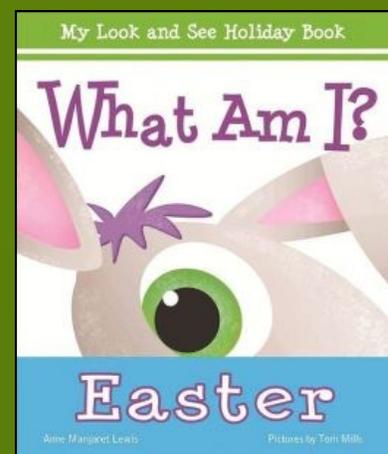
Give your learners insight into the culture and the traditions of Easter in an engaging format. The key symbols, foods, dress, and religious practices of this lovely holiday are discussed, as well as its historical and contemporary celebrations.



Easter: What Am I?

By Margaret Anne Lewis

What am I? What could I be? From matzoh to the plague of frogs in Passover and from spring flowers to an Easter basket in Easter, these books are sure hits for little ones as they guess What am I? and lift the page to find out!



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