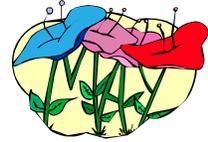


## Little Red Schoolhouse Newsletter- April 2019



Happy Spring! I can't believe how fast the school year is going, and that I'm already planning for a great summer. Your kids have been such a JOY to be around, and have grown and learned so much this year. I hope it has been a positive experience, and hope to continue it through the summer!



Some notes...

\***Wednesday, March 27th will be Summer Registration.** Please stop by Little Red sometime those days to pop your child's preferred schedule in the manila envelope on the red sign in table- or you can also email it to me. You will also need a new Registration form, immunization record and Dr. form each year of registration, so if it's been a while please get those forms on my website and bring them to me during registration. If you choose to opt out of immunizations, you need to go on a statewide database in order to legally do this, so please contact me for info on how to do that. I will do my best to give you your first choice, but may not be able to accommodate everyone's requests. Please let me know also if you are at all flexible with your days so that I can figure it out a bit easier. ☺ If your child is a Sprout or Bud they will be going on an excursion outside of school for one of their mornings each week! These outings are really fun and allow the kids to learn and grow outside of school... The littler ones will still get lots of outside time and environmental learning as well- sunshine is good for the soul! ☺ We are also having an awesome big kid camp for those kiddos finishing K-1st grades on Wednesdays and Thursdays this summer, so let me know soon if you would be interested in that as well. June 10th will be the 1<sup>st</sup> day of summer.

\* **We are closed the week of April 15-19th for Spring Break.** I am looking for someone to take care of Sal for that week (our pet turtle) It's super easy and lots of fun for your kiddo. I would just give you all the info you need and you and your child could pop in as you like to the school to feed and water her. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping with this. Thanks!

*\*Kindergarten registration at the "big" school will be held on Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8-10 am. Keep in mind that the bus will*

*stop right in front of Little Red if you need help until 5 after your child's full day Kindergarten program. I do offer an after school program!*

*\*Please remember to help your child bring something related to the theme each week for sharing time. It is helpful to guide them through answering simple questions about what they are bringing beforehand as well, since during this time we are teaching them about asking and answering questions. Make sure they can describe what it is they brought, and answer where they got it, when they play with it, and things of that nature. It really helps expand sharing time to work with them ahead of time on this. If they bring a random toy from home, we will not be letting them share it, as this is becoming an issue. Thanks!*

*\*Please keep in mind that we have a compliment box at each school for you to write any positives you have about the teachers for me to share at our monthly staff meetings. It means a lot to them, and they love having their "buckets" filled!*

*\*As always, please remember extra clothes for your child's cubby, wipes when you bring diapers, & to check art files at least weekly. Thanks!*

*\*Please take off muddy shoes upon entering Little and Teeny Red!! It is such a mess when people walk through the school with muddy feet. Thanks! Rain boots and light jackets are recommended for your kiddos to wear outside at school in the coming months as it melts... It's going to be a long mud season!*

*\*As a reminder, tuition payments are emailed out the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month and due by the 1<sup>st</sup>. I am recently having an issue with late payments, so ask that you try your best to make timely payments. If it helps, I do take credit cards! Thank you.*

*\*Though it is considered "off season" in Crested Butte, it's not at Little Red ☺ Please keep in mind that I don't do off season schedules and do encourage people to keep their children's schedules as consistent as possible. As a reminder, your monthly fee is based on an average of the number of days we are open in the school year. This is why you are paying the same fee for April even though we are closed a week- this week was already given to you earlier in the year during the longer months which included days that were not billed for. You do get 2 weeks of vacation time for the year deducted from your invoice if you tell*

me by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior (no last minute trips deducted), but this does not include closure weeks. Also, if your child is sick, you get up to 3 weeks of make-up days for the school year of their schedule. These must be used before the end of the school year, or they will expire. Just thought I'd reiterate the policies a bit. ☺ If you'd like to read more, please go to my website at [crestedbuttelittlered.com](http://crestedbuttelittlered.com) and click on Enrollment and then Parent Handbook. Thank you!

\*Occasionally, it's nice to check your child's school water bottle and make sure it's appropriate for them still. Sometimes they get worn over time, and also become less developmentally appropriate as they get older and older. Just let us know and we'll pull it out for you! ☺

**\*If your child participated in the vision screenings last week, and I haven't talked to you, your child passed the screening and everything looks great!**

### Upcoming Events:

\*Visit to the "big school" will be in mid- May for kids going into Kindergarten. We will be having graduation for those kiddos as well the last week of the school year , date TBD.

\*Parent/teacher conferences will be held towards the middle of May as well, and will not be mandatory. I will have a sign- up sheet up in April for those of you who would like a conference, and your child's teachers will be happy to chat about your child's progress in May! ☺

\*Fall (school year) Registration will be held during the same time at Parent/Teacher conferences (middle of May) as well, so after you figure out summer, please start thinking about next school year as well. ☺



### Social Corner:

The kids are doing so well being super problem solvers with our solution kit! We are telling them to try 3 solutions before telling a teacher, unless someone is hurt... this is alleviating some of the tattling that inevitably goes on and helps the kids take control of their situation.

The wording we use is “try 3 before me”, which means trying 3 solutions before getting a teacher.

We are also working hard on not interrupting teachers and other children when they are talking, especially during group times. We do this by teaching them “touch and talk”. They put their hand on the person’s shoulder that they wish to talk to and wait until that person finishes their other conversation. They are also practicing saying the person’s name and giving eye contact. It’s been working well!

We are having a lot of issues with kids being physical with each other at school, whether in play or as a reaction. We are working hard to teach the kids that even if someone else hits/pushes them, it’s not okay to do it back. It’s a tough thing for them to hold back and not just react, but they are learning that if they do the right thing and tell a teacher instead of hitting, they will be praised and their friend may be the one in trouble.

The home/school connection is really vital for the age group, so please make sure you are carrying through with discipline and discussions regarding things that happen at school and are relayed by myself or the other teachers. If your child had a tough day at school, you should be having a discussion at home for that, and if they had a stellar day, rewarding them is awesome! This way, they are learning that wherever they go the behavior expectations are the same, and all the adults in their life are connected in the way that we all want them to succeed and make good choices. That connection is really beneficial to the desired outcome of great behavior everywhere. Thanks!

### Curriculum for the Month... (themes can also be found on the website, FYI)

Telian- We are now learning all of the vowel combinations, which is quite a challenging concept! The kids have learned all about vowels and the sound pairs (loud and quiet), so this is the last step before review time!

Handwriting without Tears- The kids are doing great with this program! We have moved on to diagonal lines, so all the letters that involve diagonals (V,M,N,W,X,Z, etc). Remember the verbage of big line, little line, big curve and little curve. It’s amazing how well these kids are writing now due to this program, our teachers, and their hard work!

Themes- We are almost finished with our awesome transportation unit, and are moving on to a fun animal until in April. Should be lots of fun!

Letter of the Week- We are now doing 3 letters per week as an added challenge! So- In April we will be on JKL, MNO, & PQR. If your child brings the bucket home, please help them find some things that start with each letter and make sure they can sort them as well. Thanks!

Quote of the month....

"People are made of steak. " Emden

Thanks for all you do!

Jessica

