

# Zebra's May Newsletter

Dear Families,

Do you remember your first glimpse of an elephant or a tiny seahorse? During the next few weeks we will be thinking, reading, and talking about many different animals. The variety and diversity of animals in our world is amazing! Animals come in many sizes, colors, and shapes. Each has unique characteristics and can be found in its own special habitat. We will organize our study around the places a young child would see these animals—zoo, farm, ocean and circus.

## Math

During Math we will learn about the important number zero. It is vital that children have a clear understanding that zero stands for nothing—an empty set. We will identify sets with zero members, practice writing the numeral zero, walk on a number line, and sing songs and recite rhymes that count backwards leaving an empty set or zero. Take time to notice empty sets in your child's everyday experiences.

## **Important Dates**

**May 2– National Day of Prayer**  
**May 6~10 – Teacher Appreciation Week**  
**May 10– SCRIP Orders Delivered**  
**May 12– Mother's Day**  
**May 17– Last Joy Visit**  
**May 22– Last Parent Chapel**  
**May 27– Memorial Day (DOCA CLOSED)**  
**May 29– DOCA Year End Program @ PK Graduation**  
**May 31– Last Day of School**

## Literacy

### \*Week 1: Zoo Animals

–Word of the Week: Habitat

–Focus Letters:

E, e, T, t, Z, z, L, l, M, m

–Read-Aloud Time: Zoo Day  
Critter Camouflage

### \*Week 2: Flying Critters

–Word of the Week:

Onomatopoeia

–Focus Letters:

H, h, C, c, D, d, G, g, P, p

–Read-Aloud Time: Grandpa's Farm  
Little Red Hen

### \*Week 3: Ocean Animals

–Word of the Week: Underwater

–Focus Letters:

W, w, F, f, D, d, C, c, S, s

–Read-Aloud Time: In The Deep Blue  
Sea

Five Dancing Dolphins

### \*Week 4: Circus Animals

–Word of the Week: Big Top

–Focus Letters:

T, t, S, s, E, e, B, b, D, d

–Read-Aloud Time: The Circus  
Circus Fun

## Memory Verse

"I will always love you." JEREMIAH 31:3, CEV

Key Question: Who loves you?

Bottom Line + Basic Truth: God loves you.

## Focus:

Shape: Oval

Color: Black

Number: 10