

# LWIS-CiS Preschool Gazette

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*"Children are born with a sense of wonder and an affinity for nature. They possess the innate curiosity to explore, to learn, and to grow."*

*Rachel Carson*

Our Dear Families,

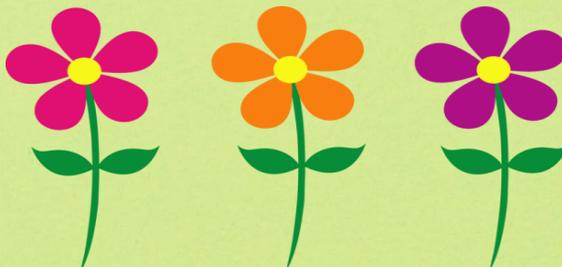
As we transition from March to April, our Preschool continues to exude a sense of excitement and anticipation for what lies ahead. April signifies a fresh start and boundless opportunities for our young learners to explore and discover.

Much like the blooming flowers and revitalized nature around us, our preschoolers are also poised for growth and development. April encourages us to nurture their curiosity, encourage their creativity and celebrate their journey of learning.

Let us come together to embrace the beauty of April, creating memorable experiences and fostering a love for exploration in our little ones.



In April, we are focused on developing agile thinking skills, as outlined in our educational framework, the "Portrait of a Graduate." Agile thinkers can adapt quickly, think critically and find creative solutions. We also want our children to be quick learners. We are teaching them through fun activities, like group games and hands-on projects, and fostering their creativity. Our goal is to help them adapt, stay positive and tackle challenges. We are thrilled to see them grow and learn every day!





## Unlocking the Power of Speech: A Guide for Kindergarten

Entering kindergarten is a thrilling milestone for both children and parents alike. It marks the beginning of a journey filled with learning, growth and discovery. One of the fundamental skills that children develop during this stage is speech. As they learn to express themselves verbally, they embark on a path towards effective communication and language fluency. Here, we delve into the importance of speech development in kindergarten and provide tips to foster this essential skill.

### Why is Speech Development Important?

Speech development plays a pivotal role in a child's overall development. It serves as the foundation for successful communication, social interaction and academic achievement. Here are some key reasons why speech development is crucial in kindergarten:

- **Communication Skills:** The ability to articulate thoughts and ideas verbally is essential for effective communication. As children develop their speech skills, they can express their needs, thoughts and feelings more clearly, fostering better interactions with peers and adults.
- **Academic Success:** Strong speech skills are closely linked to academic success. In kindergarten and beyond, children need to comprehend instructions, participate in classroom discussions and engage in literacy activities. A solid foundation in speech enables them to excel in these academic endeavors.
- **Social Interaction:** Speech development plays a vital role in social interaction. Through verbal communication, children can build friendships, resolve conflicts and collaborate with others effectively. These social skills are crucial for navigating various social settings, both inside and outside the classroom.

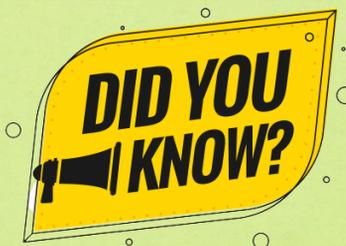
### Tips for Fostering Speech Development in Kindergarten

- **Encourage Conversation:** Create opportunities for your kids to engage in conversation. Ask open-ended questions that encourage them to express their thoughts and opinions. Listen attentively and respond with interest, encouraging them to elaborate on their ideas.
- **Read Aloud Together:** Reading aloud is an excellent way to promote speech development and literacy skills. Choose age-appropriate books with vibrant illustrations and engaging stories. Encourage your children to participate by asking them to describe the pictures or predict what will happen next.
- **Expand Vocabulary:** Introduce new words regularly and help your children understand their meanings through context. Use descriptive language during everyday activities and encourage your children to use new words in their own speech.
- **Provide Positive Reinforcement:** Praise your children's efforts in speech development and celebrate their progress. Positive reinforcement boosts their confidence and encourages them to continue practicing their speech skills.
- **Model Clear Speech:** Children learn by imitation, so it is essential to model clear and articulate speech. Speak slowly and enunciate words clearly, emphasizing proper pronunciation. Avoid using baby talk or overly simplified language, as this may hinder their speech development.
- **Engage in Interactive Activities:** Incorporate fun and interactive activities that promote speech development, such as storytelling, puppet shows and role-playing games. These activities encourage creativity, imagination and language exploration.
- **Provide a Language-Rich Environment:** Surround your children with opportunities for language exposure. Play educational games, listen to music and explore nature together, discussing what you see and experience along the way.
- **Seek Professional Guidance If Needed:** If you have concerns about your children's speech development, do not hesitate to seek guidance from a speech-language pathologist or pediatrician. Early intervention can address any potential issues and support your children's speech development journey.



Besides our unit journey, our little preschoolers will dive into a realm of captivating activities, marking April a month of blooming wonders and renewed energy. Here are the highlights:

- **Spring Science Explorations:** Get ready for hands-on STEM activities that delve deep into the wonders of springtime. From observing the life cycle of plants to experimenting with the properties of water, our little scientists will discover the magic of the season.
- **Math Madness:** April brings a burst of mathematical fun! Our smart mathematicians will love exploring shapes, sizes and numbers in the context of the season and engaging in spring-themed math adventures, such as graphing flowers and exploring patterns in the arrangement of petals.
- **Literary Adventures:** Join us on a journey through the pages of enchanting springtime stories. There will be a story for every imagination to explore, from tales of baby animals and blooming flowers to adventures in sunny meadows and rainy forests.
- **Artistic Expression:** Let creativity bloom with a variety of art projects inspired by the sights and sounds of spring. Our preschoolers will unleash their inner artists and bring the beauty of the season to life by painting cheerful rainbows, crafting vibrant butterflies and much more.
- **Melodies Among the Flowers:** Our stars will dive into the enchanting world of music inspired by gardens and succumb to the sweet sounds of nature. They will explore melodies that bloom with the joy of spring.
- **Marhaban:** Arabic language activities during this season will immerse preschoolers in spring-themed expressions, offering a delightful introduction to the language amidst the blossoming wonders of the season.
- **Bonjour:** In French classes, learners will take a linguistic journey infused with the charm of springtime as they will learn spring phrases and sing French songs and rhymes.
- **Springtime Fun in P.E.:** Our preschoolers will stay active and healthy while having a blast. They will engage in playful April-themed activities in P.E. classes, skipping like lambs, twirling like flowers in the breeze and a lot more.
- **Blossoming Yoga:** Our little Yogis will immerse in the tranquility of nature with yoga poses inspired by the beauty of the garden. They will connect with the earth, breathe deeply and move gracefully as they embrace the joy of yoga amidst the blooming flowers.



When your preschoolers cover their eyes, they think you cannot see either! Your kids walk into the room with their eyes covered to sneak some cookies, thinking that you cannot see them because they cannot see you! To us, it is funny, but to them, it makes perfect sense. They understand life from their own perspective. They cannot think logically yet; they think very literally. So, do not tell your preschoolers to go jump into a lake; they just might!





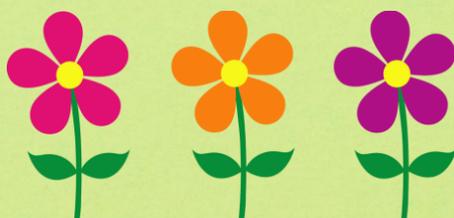
# The Parents' Corner!

Here are some targeted recommendations that aim to enrich your child's/ward's learning experience through enjoyable activities, ensuring a lasting educational influence:

- **Spring Nature Scavenger Hunt:** Create a list of items commonly found in nature during springtime, such as blooming flowers, budding trees, chirping birds or buzzing insects. Take a nature walk with your child and see how many items he/she can find and check off the list.
- **Planting Seeds:** April is a great time to start a small garden or plant seeds indoors. Choose easy-to-grow plants, like herbs, flowers or vegetables. Involve your child in the process of planting seeds, watering and caring for the plants as they grow.
- **Bird Watching:** Set up a bird feeder or bird house in your backyard or visit a park known for bird-watching. Keep a journal with your child to record the different types of birds you spot and learn about their behaviors and habitats.
- **Rainy Day Crafts:** April showers bring May flowers, so take advantage of rainy days with indoor crafts. Ideas include making paper umbrellas, creating raindrop sun-catchers or designing colorful spring-themed collages.
- **Outdoor Picnic:** Enjoy the milder weather by planning a family picnic in a local park or even your backyard. Let your child help pack the picnic basket with his/her favorite snacks and beverages. Bring along a frisbee or a ball for added fun.
- **Earth Day Activities:** April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day, a perfect opportunity to teach your child about environmental conservation. Plant a tree, clean up a local park or beach or participate in community Earth Day events.
- **Spring Science Experiments:** Conduct simple science experiments with your child to explore spring-related concepts, such as plant growth, weather patterns or the water cycle. Try activities, like growing a bean sprout in a jar or creating a homemade rain gauge.
- **Bike Ride or Nature Walk:** Take advantage of the warmer weather by going on a family bike ride or nature walk. Explore new trails, parks or nature reserves in your area and encourage your child to observe and appreciate the beauty of nature.



We are thrilled to celebrate the birthdays of our beloved April-born little ones! Wishing all our shining stars joy, laughter and unforgettable memories as they celebrate their special day.





## ANTS

In this edition, our learners will explore fascinating and scientific facts about ants! With their curiosity piqued while exploring in the school garden and spotting these tiny creatures, we are thrilled to nurture their great interest at home by diving into the world of insects.

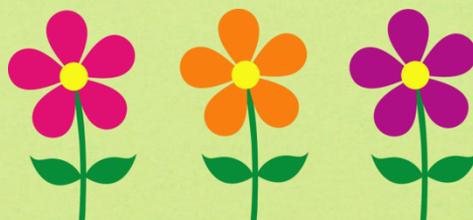
- **Working Together:** Ants live in big groups called colonies, where each ant has a job to do.
- **Talking with Smells:** Ants use smell to talk to each other and to find their way around.
- **Super Strong:** Even though tiny, ants are really strong and can carry heavy things.
- **Eating Everything:** Ants eat all sorts of things, like insects, fruit and even some plants.
- **Big or Small Colonies:** Some ant groups are small, while others have lots and lots of ants.
- **Making Homes:** Ants build their homes in the ground, in trees or even inside buildings.
- **Growing Up:** Baby ants grow up in stages, just like caterpillars grow into butterflies.
- **Helping Nature:** Ants help keep nature in balance by eating bugs and spreading seeds.
- **Protecting Themselves:** Ants have ways to defend themselves, like biting or spraying stinky stuff.
- **Everywhere Ants:** Ants live all over the world, in many different places, except for Antarctica.

Have a great time exploring the realm of ants with your children!

**THANK YOU  
PARENTS**



We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our parents for their continuous engagement and steadfast encouragement. Your commitment since the beginning of the year has significantly influenced our preschool community, creating a caring atmosphere for our children to thrive. Moreover, your generous contributions to our "Tyeb El-Eid Drive" have brought joy to the children of "Dar Al-Aytam Al- Islamiya." Your boundless kindness is truly remarkable and your active involvement in our preschool family and invaluable support are greatly appreciated.



# CLASSROOM NEWS

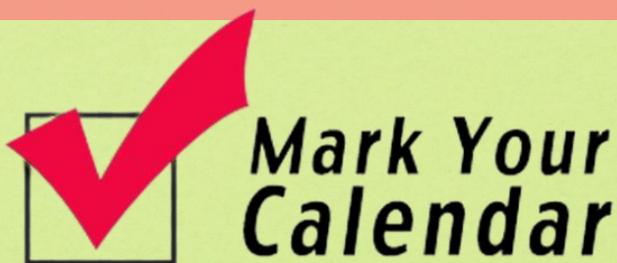
**Water Wonders:** KG1 learners will dive into a new unit, exploring the fascinating world of water. They will investigate the importance of this precious resource and the responsibility we have towards preserving it, delving into its functions within our environment.

**Insect Investigators:** KG2 learners will embark on an exciting journey into the world of insects and their vital role in our ecosystem. Through hands-on exploration, they will discover the interconnectedness between humans and insects, learning about the responsibility we have towards protecting these valuable creatures and their habitats.

**Expression Explorers:** KG3 learners will kick off a unit focused on the diverse ways people tell stories and express themselves. Through creative activities and engaging discussions, they will explore various forms of expression, fostering a deeper understanding of human communication and creativity.

**Robo Stories:** KG3 learners will use robotics to craft stories. Building on their coding and design skills, they will explore hands-on projects to express their creativity and innovation.

**Nature's Flow:** In April, our young yogis will connect with nature through poses, like Sprouting Seed, Fluttering Butterfly, Breezy Blossom and Sunlit Petal. These garden-inspired yoga postures enhance flexibility and balance while fostering a deeper bond with nature.



APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>: TIE AND TUTU DAY  
APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>: EGG HUNT

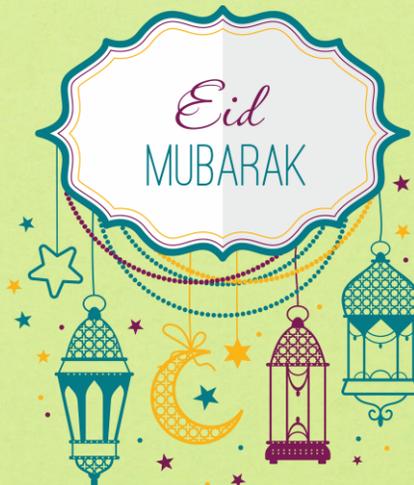




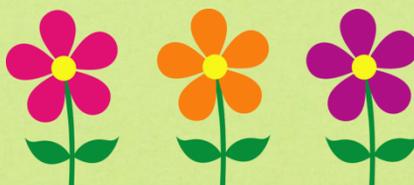
# READ

Here is a list of recommended books to explore in April, covering a variety of themes:

- ❖ "The Good Egg" by Jory John: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9P31KcMjZKc>
- ❖ "The Earth Book" by Todd Parr: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpEc5nHqO2c>
- ❖ "In The Small Small Pond" by Denise Flemming: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRgds5x53ZI>
- ❖ "If You Plant A Seed" by Kadir Nelson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDgIA3P8QMs>
- ❖ "Rain" by Robert Kalan: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvnChMIaikE>
- ❖ "Bugs" by National Geographic Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ofCexMSq-I>
- ❖ "Yoga Bunny : Simple Poses for Little Ones" by Sarah Jane Hinder: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwFLNNY\\_3c4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwFLNNY_3c4)
- ❖ "Sheep in a Jeep" by Nancy Shaw: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jD2lI84U3g>
- ❖ "Everything Spring" by National Geographic Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrFt9xcLGOE>
- ❖ "What Do They Do With All That Poo" by Jane Kurtz and Allison Black: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjeTN0wJHyo>
- ❖ "Birds Make Nests" by Michael Garland: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpCpLUwWKXw>
- ❖ "Bloom Boom" by April Pulley Sayre: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XHb3Th-AKg>
- ❖ "Buzz, Bee!" Read Aloud National Geographic Kids Book: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sk97cuMUC5A>
- ❖ "Ants" from Kids Library: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPrXhBsiwM8>



Wishing all our Preschool families a joyful Eid al-Fitr! Enjoy precious moments together and spread kindness during this special holiday. May this time be filled with love, laughter and blessings for you and your loved ones.





Welcome back to our Preschool, where we celebrate the brilliance of our little stars! Let us join together in honoring the creativity and enchanting moments that make each child unique. Here, we embrace and cherish the happiness that our children bring to our community.



## Creative Learning



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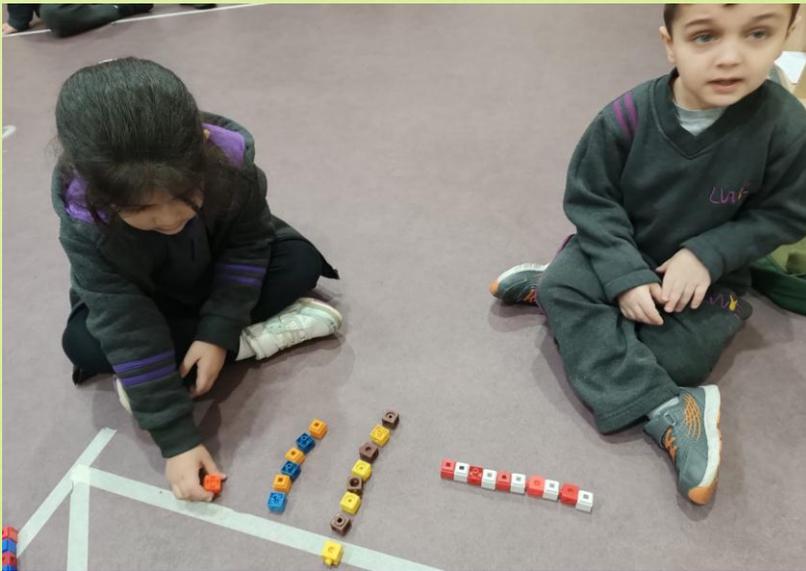
# Letter Hunters



# Pattern Explorers



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# Taking Learning Outside



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We are looking forward to the month of April and the ongoing progress and learning experiences your preschoolers will enjoy.

Stay tuned for more details about our plans in the upcoming newsletters.

Wishing you, the valued members of our Preschool family, a delightful April filled with affection, happiness and special moments with your little ones.



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