



# HANCOCK PRESCHOOL

## MISS ELSIE'S HAPPENINGS

APRIL 6, 2018



### Classroom Happenings!

For the next few weeks, children will investigate nature with a new theme called "Nature All Around Us." This theme covers many of our favorite science topics, such as plants and how they grow, the sun and the moon, and weather and the seasons.

Some activities include:

- Make a weather wheel
- Sort items by hot and cold weather
- Draw a picture of what you like to do in the snow
- Thunderstorm art project
- Explore temperatures

#### Important Dates/Reminders:

- Here is the link for Kindergarten registration and open houses and preschool registration:
- <https://www.cusd80.com/Page/92334>
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Preschool picnic, May 11<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM; Tumbleweed park

### Learning Together

- Talk about what you would wear in the summer and winter. Would you go swimming in the winter?
- Talk about snow and show pictures. Talk about how we don't get snow where we live.
- Discuss things you would do in the desert, ocean, and mountains.
- Count items to 10. Put the numbers in order from one to 10. Talk about what comes next, what comes before.

### Visiting the Library

- ❖ *Just One More* by Michelle Koch
- ❖ *Seven Blind Mice* by Ed Young
- ❖ *Too Many Balloons* by Catherine Matthias
- ❖ *Who Likes the Rain?* By Etta Kaner
- ❖ *Umbrella* by Taro Yashima
- ❖ *Max Cleans Up* by Rosemary Wells
- ❖ *How Do You Know? A Book About the Five Senses* by Lisa Jayne

### What to look forward to next week:

#### Theme:

- ❖ Nature All Around Us – Our Weather
- ❖ Rainy Weather – Let it Rain!
- ❖ Comparing and ordering 1 to 10: Children will order quantities and numbers up to 10
- ❖ Foundations: y, x

#### Our Weather

**Big Idea:** The weather affects what I wear and do each day.  
**Concepts:** Different types of weather, dressing for the weather, forecasting the weather, activities in different kinds of weather  
**Theme Vocabulary:** clouds, cloudy, rainy, sunny, weather, windy

**Let It Rain:** As pretend rain falls from a spray bottle, children hide underneath an umbrella. Will they all stay dry? In **Let It Rain!** Children predict and experiment with various materials to discover what helps people stay dry in the rain.

**Ordering quantities and numbers:** Having the ability to organize numbers in a specific numerical order requires both conceptual understanding and procedural skills. Children participate in activities to develop their knowledge of ordering quantities. Most ordering activities then become complex for children because they symbolic numerals are used to show the sequence of numbers. Children are offered many learning experiences to develop familiarity with ordering numerals. Knowing the order of numerals supports the understanding of relative position of number, which in turn supports work with numbers greater than ten encountered in the elementary years.

*"Knowledge emerges only through invention and re-invention, through the restless, impatient, continuing, hopeful inquiry human beings pursue in the world, with the world, and with each other." -Paulo Freire*

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