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UNIT ORGANIZER FOR APRIL

I. Language Arts

A. Poetry

1. Rain
2. April Rain Song
3. Happy Thought
4. Rain, Rain, Go Away
5. It's Raining, It's Pouring
6. Rock-a-bye, Baby

B. Sayings and Phrases

1. April showers bring May flowers.

II. Phonics

A. Phonemic Awareness

B. Phonograms: REVIEW all phonograms learned plus /oa/, /oe/, /ch/, /ea/, /kn/, /ed/

C. Rhyming words

D. Decoding

E. Encoding (Writing words in daily writing logs)

F. Long vowels with the help of the Silent "e"

G. Spelling tests with 5 Sight Words each

H. Practice perfecting penmanship—remembering correct spacing between words.

I. Participate in creating a Key Word Outline about:

1. Australia
2. Maps

J. Writing about the content topics:

1. Australia
2. Recycling

K. Copying Poetry selections:

1. Rain, Rain, Go Away
2. It's Raining, It's Pouring

L. Copying Saying:

1. April Showers bring May Flowers

III. Geography

A. Focus on Australia

B. Locate the North and South Poles, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans

C. Review familiar landmarks

IV. Science

A. Taking Care of the Earth

1. Conservation
2. Practical measures for conserving energy and resources
3. Recycling
4. Pollution

V. Math

A. Singapore Math

B. Computation: Subtraction using this symbol (-)

C. Concrete and Numeric Equations

D. Counting forward to 50

E. Recognizing 1-31

F. Counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's

"CAN YOU?" LIST

Assessments for April

CAN YOU...

- recite poetry selections for the month?
- explain what "April showers bring May flowers" means?
- write first and last name correctly?
- locate Australia on a world globe and map?
- name three animals that live in Australia?
- count to 100?
- count from 1-20 by twos?
- count by fives to 50 and tens to 100?
- compare sets: more than, less than?
- add and subtract to ten, using concrete objects?
- recognize the meaning of the plus sign (+)?
- recognize the meaning of the minus sign (-)?
- recite the days of the week and the months of the year?
- decode simple CVC(consonant-vowel-consonant) words? (example- cat, dog, hat, log, etc.)
- say all the sounds of the phonograms and write them in upper and lower case letters?
- sound out words with long vowels and a silent e on the end? (_a_e) or (_i_e) or (_o_e) or (_u_e) or (_e_e) like cake and mice and bone and mule and Pete.
- read by sight these high frequency words: the, in, and, a, to, is, you, that, it, he, for, was, on, are, as, with, his, they, at, be, this, from, I, and have?
- read daily at home and read the phonetic readers to Mrs. Shockley?
- encode daily in your writing log?
- help create a Key Word Outline about Australia and Recycling?
- write about this month's content in your writing log?
- recite and write your birthday, address, and phone number?
- name some ways you can help our earth? (Reuse, recycle, and conserve)

THINKING FRAMEWORK

At Liberty Common, we believe that learning needs to go beyond acquiring knowledge. The students also need to have the ability to see patterns and analyze facts. To facilitate this, we use progressive thinking skills to guide students in applying their knowledge to patterns, using those patterns to model, and showing their mastery of the content through creativity.

While the majority of time in Kindergarten is spent gaining new knowledge, we also develop lessons that include patterning, mental modeling and creativity. Here are some examples of The Thinking Framework being used in Kindergarten this month.

History / Geography

Focus on the continent of Australia and New Zealand - Knowledge

Locate the North and South Poles - Knowledge

Locate the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans on the map and globe - Knowledge & Mental Modeling

Review familiar landmarks - Knowledge & Mental Modeling

Review Native American people - Knowledge & Patterns

Science

Taking care of the Earth: A study in Conservation and Recycling - Knowledge & Patterns

Literature

Rain, April Rain song- Knowledge & Patterns

Mother Goose Rhymes - Knowledge

Saying- April showers bring May flowers - Knowledge

Math

Addition / Subtraction - Knowledge, Patterns, & Mental Modeling

Identify fraction $\frac{1}{2}$ - Knowledge, Patterns, & Mental Modeling

Identify #1 - 31 - Knowledge

Count to 100 - Knowledge

Count backwards 10 - 1 - Knowledge

Count by 2's, 5's, and 10's - Knowledge, Patterns, & Mental Modeling

Character Qualities

These are the Foundation Stones/Character Qualities that Liberty Common School emphasizes.

Respect

- ...is encouraged when the children listen to others without interrupting.
- ...is shown when the children raise their hand in class.
- ...is encouraged as we line up nicely, and don't disturb other classes.
- ...is encouraged when walking quietly in the hallways.
- ...is encouraged when we learn to treat others like we want to be treated.
- ...is encouraged when we work quietly as to not disturb others.
- ...is encouraged when we learn to accept people from other countries and continents, even though they might be different.

Responsibility

- ...is learned by remembering our own backpack, lunchbox, and folder.
- ...is learned when remembering to pull our "stick" for roll.
- ...is learned when we accept the consequences for our own actions.
- ...is learned when we clean up after ourselves and do not leave messes for others.
- ...is shown when we remember to pack up all our belongings at the end of the day.
- ...is learned when we remember to push in our chair and clean up our work space.

Self Control

- ...is learned when we solve our problems rationally, both in the building and on the playground.
- ...is shown when we raise our hand in class instead of interrupting.
- ...is shown when we work quietly without disturbing others.
- ...is learned when we ask for help when frustrated versus losing control.
- ...is learned when we work quietly, and quickly.

Perseverance

- ...is learned when we see a tough assignment through to the end.
- ...is encouraged when learning our phonograms.

- ...is shown when we sit quietly when listening to a story.
- ...is learned when we always try to do our very best.

Cooperation

- ...is shown when the child listens and follows directions.
- ...is not ever saying "it's not mine" when asked to pick something up.
- ...is demonstrated when playing quietly at free time and always using a quiet, inside voice.
- ...is shown when the child follows both the school and classroom rules.

Integrity

- ...is shown when we do our own work.
- ...is demonstrated by admitting our faults and accepting the consequences of our own behavior.
- ...is shown when we tell the truth and are honest.
- ...is shown when we do not cut in line.

Citizenship

- ...means saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag each morning with respect.
- ...is shown when we take pride in our school.
- ...means being polite and quiet in the hallway, at assemblies, and for all our teachers, parents, and staff.
- ...is shown by being a good example to our classmates.
- ...means hanging up our coats and backpacks, and sometimes even hanging up somebody else's.
- ...means taking pride in keeping our playground clean and not littering.
- ...is shown when we are happy for others when good things happen to them.

April Habits of Mind

History:

- Acquire at one and the same time a comprehension of diverse cultures and of shared humanity.
- Understand the relationship between geography and history as a matrix of time and place as a context for events

Science:

- Raise questions about the world around them and be willing to seek answers to some of them by making careful observations and trying things out
- Readily give the sums and differences of single-digit numbers in familiar contexts where the operation makes sense to them and they can judge the reasonableness of the answer
- Use whole numbers and simple, everyday fractions in ordering, counting, identifying, measuring, and describing things and experiences
- Use hammers, screwdrivers, clamps, rulers, scissors, and hand lenses, and operate ordinary audio equipment
- Assemble, describe, take apart and reassemble constructions using interlocking blocks, erector sets, and the like
- Describe and compare things in terms of number, color, shape, texture, size, weight, and motion

APRIL WEEKLY CALENDAR

Apr	Phonics	Language Arts	Poetry	Amer./World Civilization	Geography	Science	Math	Sayings / Phrases	Legends and Biographies	Foundation Stones
Wk 1	Intensive Phonics, Phonemic Awareness, Phonograms: /oa/, /oe/, /ch/, Handwriting/ Writing: Copying, Encoding: Sentences, Poetry Sight Word: from			Focus on Life in Australia Review Native Americans	Focus on Australia	Taking Care of our Earth	Counting to 50 Subtraction	April showers bring May flowers		Perseverance
Wk 2	Intensive Phonics, Phonemic Awareness, Phonograms: /ea/, /kn/ Handwriting, Writing: Copying, Encoding: Sentences, Poetry, Saying Sight Word: I		Rock-a-bye, Baby Happy Thoughts	Focus on Life in Australia Review Native Americans	Focus on Australia	Taking Care of our Earth	Counting by 2's Subtraction	April showers bring May flowers		Perseverance
Wk 3	Intensive Phonics, Phonemic Awareness, Phonograms: Review, /ed/ Handwriting, Writing: Copying, Encoding: Sentences, Sayings, Poetry Sight Word: have		Rain, Rain, Go Away Rain April Rain Song It's Raining...	Focus on Life in Australia Review Native Americans	Focus on Australia	Taking Care of our Earth	Counting by 5's Subtraction	April Showers bring May flowers		Perseverance
Wk 4	Intensive Phonics, Phonemic Awareness, Phonograms: Review Handwriting, Writing: Copying, Encoding: Sentences, Poetry, Sayings Sight Word: Review		Rain, Rain, Go Away Rock-a-bye, Baby	Focus on Life in Australia Review Native Americans	Focus on Australia	Taking Care of our Earth	Counting By 10's Subtraction	April showers bring May flowers		Perseverance