



Unity East Elementary School Pre-K

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### Service Project

Thank you for helping to support our classroom community service project to benefit the Champaign County Humane Society! The amount of donations we received was unbelievable! We couldn't have been as successful without your support!



### Units of Study

This week we are continuing our unit on bugs and insects. Last week we spent a lot of time predicting and observing using our caterpillars and praying mantis egg. This week, we will start talking about other insects such as spiders, beetles, mosquitoes, etc. We are reading a lot of books by the beloved author Eric Carle to help us learn more about this topic. Some of the books we are reading include, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *The Very Busy Spider*, *The Grouchy Ladybug*, and *The Very Lonely Firefly*.

### From the Teacher's Desk:

- Please remember to read to your child every night.
- Please remember to check your child's backpack nightly for important notes/flyers.
- **Please return all library books to school if you still have books at home. We will no longer be visiting the library this year.**
- Fun Day – May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Last day of school for Preschool students)
- Field Trip to Meadowbrook Park – Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>
- On May 17<sup>th</sup> please have your child wear their school t-shirt to school as we will be taking a whole school photo at 1:30pm.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Classroom celebration of May and June birthday's
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – Classroom celebration of July and August birthday's
- Spring picture orders are due Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Activities for You and Your Child

- Go for a walk together. Observe big things and little things, things that grow and things that do not grow.
- Exercise to music with your child. Have fun and talk about bending, stretching, and twisting.
- Talk about something you learned to do as a child. Explain how you felt when you were trying and when you could finally do it.
- Help your child measure a room or hallway by counting how many steps from one side to the other.
- Have soup for lunch. Identify the ingredients and talk about the vegetables and how they grow.
- Put a plant cutting in water in a clear bottle. Watch as roots sprout and talk about how plants grow.
- Close your eyes and stay still. Talk with your child about the sounds you both hear.