



# Ms. Mary Jo's Classroom News Letter Room 103

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### Hello, Spring!

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Welcome Spring!  
April has sprung upon us already!  
Our themes during the month of April will be the changes in weather, changing landscape as we ease into Spring. Our color of the month is sunny "Yellow". Our shape is an "oval"! We will

continue with circle time activities which include ABC's, numbers, colors, shapes, calendar, weather, poetry, matching games, word wall and story time. We will do some Easter activities and crafts. We have also been invited to a

"Passover celebration with our "PALS" friends. This will be a wonderful learning experience for our children.



### Spring Break April 15-25th !

Reminders:  
**NO SCHOOL!**  
Spring Break from April 15-25rd, 2011!  
School resumes on Tuesday April 26th!

We will be enjoying several days off during the month of April! Make the most of the time you will have with

your child! You can help them retain some of the pre-academic skills they have learned thus far! Ask

them to spell their names, pick out shapes and colors in your home! Make it fun for them!

## Dress for Spring

We will be asking parents to send in lighter set of clothes to keep here at school for spring. Also keep in mind we will be taking neighborhood walks and going out on the playground, so if you do not want "muddy" sneakers, please send in rain boots or a spare pair

of sneakers.

Keep a healthy supply of wipes and pull ups on hand here as well. We notice an increase of potty accidents when we start to go outside because the children do not want to interrupt their outside play to use the bathroom.



## April Birthdays



Joshua 4-26

## Keeping Your Child Healthy

We have almost made it through flu season! Please continue you watch your child for symptoms!

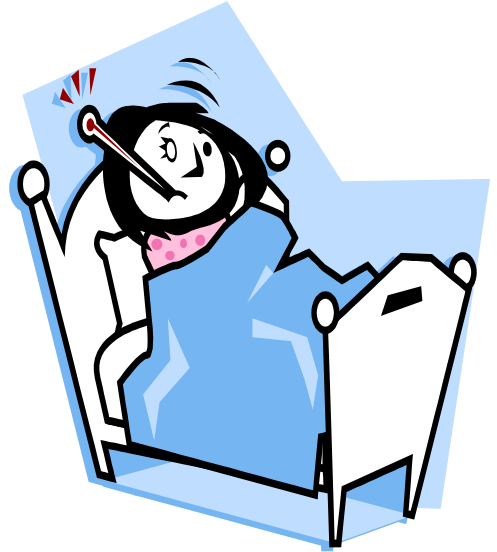
Simple rules of thumb that we follow are:

- wash our hands often
- use hand sanitizer between hand washing
- disinfect our toys regularly
- teach kids to sneeze into their elbow sleeve
- offer healthy snacks and drinks with vitamin C

## Health (con't)

Please help us by keeping your child home if they experience a fever (100 degrees or higher), productive cough, vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours! Thank you for your understanding and cooperation, we

want to provide a healthy safe environment for every child. Some of our children have compromised immune systems and other health problems so we must practice caution during these peak months.



## Ideas for Activities at Home

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look for <b>yellow</b> food at the grocery store.</li> <li>• Find something <b>yellow</b> in each room of the house.</li> <li>• Make a <b>oval</b> shaped</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sandwich using a cookie cutter.</li> <li>• Color Easter eggs then count and identify each color.</li> <li>• Take Spring walks</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blow bubbles outside</li> <li>• Fly a kite outside</li> <li>• Set the table, count each set of objects</li> <li>• Ride your bike outside</li> </ul> |
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## Community Events

Movie: "Hop"

When: April 2, 2011

Place: AMC Theaters  
Maple Ridge

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$4.50-\$6.00

Monthly "Sensory Friend-

ly Movies" now showing at the AMC theaters! AMC theaters teamed up the Autism Society to provide movies once a month in a safe and accepting environment to families with individuals

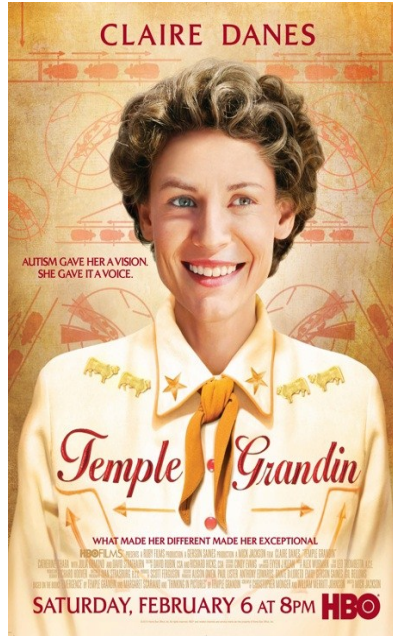
with disabilities. They will turn the lights up and turn the sound down, there will be no previews or advertisements, you can move around, dance in the isles, sing or shout! Families can bring in your own "gluten-

## Community (con't)

"gluten-free" and "casein-free" snacks.

Whether movies have been a challenge or if it is a new experience for your little one, this may be a nice alternative to enjoy a movie experience. Let me know if you try it! Have fun!

Wonderful opportunity to hear Temple Grandin speak in Buffalo!



### TEMPLE GRANDIN, PhD

Animal Behavior , Autism, and Sensory Based Thinking!! She is a world-famous animal scientist and adult with autism, who has become a prominent author and speaker on autism. She is coming to speak:

When: Wed. April 20, 2011

Time: 8pm (doors open at 7)  
1st come 1st served basis)

Where: Canisius College  
Montante Cultural Ctr.

Cost: FREE!!!

