



Morningstar Learning Center Newsletter

April 27, 2017



April Theme: Animals

This next month all the classrooms will participate in activities surrounding this theme.

The **Infant Class** will be learning about *BUGS!* They will be singing *The Bug song* and be reading lots of books about bugs. The weather in Big Sky is always changing, but they love spending lots of time outside if they can!

This week the **Toddler Class** will be exploring the life cycle of *CATERPILLARS* and *BUTTERFLIES*. They will toss food into the hungry caterpillars mouth, read about the hungry caterpillar. They will be learning the letter "C" and the color **purple**.

Preschool Class will be studying *BUGS, ANTS* and *WORMS!* It's time to get a little dirty and dive into the fascinating world of bugs! Did you know not all insects are bugs? In fact, ladybugs are not "bugs" at all! This is just a small sample of the interesting facts we will be studying this week. Creepy, Crawley, and cool! It's going to be a fun week!

The **Spanish Class** will be learning *SHAPES*. They will be doing activities and worksheets with shapes and their favorite-songs about shapes!

The **Guidance class** learned about how to handle anxiety with deep breathing exercises and made a fire breathing dragon mask to practice.

Important Dates

April 28	May Billing Processed
April 28	No School
May 3	IB Informational Meeting @ WMPAC @ 6pm
May 4th & 5th	Give Big Gallatin Valley Fundraiser
May 15	Quarterly Enrollment Due

Reminder:
No School tomorrow
April 28th.

Quarterly Enrollment Policy Update

Quarterly Enrollment Policy helps MLC predict long-term staffing and financial needs while allowing families flexibility with scheduling. Families are required to give their enrollment dates 3 months in advance. In an effort to be accommodating, if families notify MLC 30 days or more in advance of absences (for example: vacations), they will be charged 50% of their tuition. Just a reminder that our Summer Quarter Enrollment is due **May 15**.



Director's Desk

Welcome **Renee Carter!** Renee has recently moved from Richmond, VA to Big Sky. Renee is passionate about early-childhood education and has four years of experience working in a classroom. She is looking forward to working as a full time teacher's aide with the toddler and infants here at Morningstar!

Stephanie's Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:30am-10am, 4:00-5:00pm

Faye's Office Hours: Wed. 8:00am-9:30am

Lori's Office Hours: Thursday-Friday 8:30am-10am

Or by appointment



IB Primary Years Program Informational Session

Wednesday, May 3rd, in the WMPAC @ 6:00 PM

Families with children in K-5th grades are invited. At this event, many important aspects of the Primary Years Program including the curriculum structure, the character education component, and BSSD's timeline for the full implementation of the program will be discussed.

Give Big Gallatin Valley May 4th and 5th

Morningstar Learning Center along with other non-for profit organizations in Big Sky are teaming up with Give Big Gallatin Valley for a 24-hour live and online celebration of giving created to increase giving in Gallatin County.

Mark your calendars for an exciting kick-off event hosted by Lone Peak Cinema May 4th from 6-7:30 pm. There will be a raffle with great prizes, happy hour prices on beverages for those who donate, AND information on local Big Sky non-profit organizations!

You may access our giving page here:

<https://www.givebiggv.org/organizations/morningstar-learning-center>

