

A close-up photograph of a cherry blossom branch. The branch is covered with numerous small, five-petaled flowers in shades of light pink and white. Some flowers are in full bloom, showing their yellow stamens and central pistils, while others are still in bud form. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue sky, suggesting a bright, sunny day. The overall composition is delicate and vibrant.

April News

A Note from The Director

- Wow, April!! So hard to believe we are so close to the end of the school year. We are just a little over 7 weeks until the end of the school year. There are a lot of things going on these last two months, so please be sure to read all communications from the school to stay up to date.
- This month's parent resource topic is car seat safety. As your child grows, their car seat safety changes. Regardless, at the preschool age ALL children are required to be in a proper child restraint. Take a look at the following article to find out what kind of car seat your child should be in and for how long.
- Tennessee child restraint laws-
<https://www.tn.gov/safety/publicsafety/newcrd.html>
- Different types of car seats and which one is best for your child-
<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/on-the-go/Pages/Car-Safety-Seats-Information-for-Families.aspx>
- As always, you can reach me at mrozm@mysjs.com or by message on class dojo.

Three-Year-Olds

- Our 3s have been loving the flower shop dramatic play center. The benefits of dramatic play are endless. It builds language skills, fosters imagination and creativity, develops social and emotional skills as well as improved cognitive function. Look for a fun thematic change to our dramatic play area soon!
- We've also been working on gross motor skills with this fun video. The teachers wanted to share it with you in case you'd like to let your child try it at home. <https://youtu.be/-KezeE9-y0c?si=P-op-RLk2boFP44W>
- We've also been practicing pencil grip and scissor skills. Both of these things are developing skills with 3,4, and 5 year olds. Activities to build fine motor strength will help further develop these skills.
- Mrs. Katherine can be reached at kountzk@mysjs.com or by message on class dojo.

Four-Year-Olds

- Our 4s are busy finishing up the alphabet and getting ready for kindergarten. They will round out this month with some review lessons and move on to the letters Vv, Ww, and Xx.
- We are working hard on writing our first and last names. You can practice at home and encourage good pencil grip and correct placement of capital and lowercase letters.
- Teachers will be completing final assessments towards the end of April and beginning of May for you to see how they have progressed this year.
- Mrs. Sue can be reached at gaudins@mysjs.com or on dojo.
- Mrs. Bridget can be reached at schoenlyb@mysjs.com or on dojo.

General Reminders

- Please remember to send a healthy snack with your child EVERYDAY. We really try to limit the sugar intake during the school day so please try not to send sugary sweet snacks to school.
- If you have not sent in your RSVP for the preschool parent lunch on April 18, please email Beth McGann at mcgannb@mysjs.com and let her know if you are coming so the cafeteria staff can get an accurate head count.
- We invite you to make plans to join our St. Jude family at our annual fundraiser, Jockeys and Juleps on April 27. Tickets are on sale now. This is a major financial fundraiser that supports our entire school. It's a great way to meet and mingle and make new friends in our St. Jude community. Look for continuing information and updates leading up to the event.



Dates to Remember

- April 1- No School Easter Monday
- April 2- No School Faculty Retreat
- April 8-Solar eclipse preschool early dismissal 12:15 (NO LUNCH FOR PreK THIS DAY!!)
- April 18-Preschool and kindergarten parent lunch 11:00am
- April 27- Jockeys and Juleps school fundraiser

