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# *Mrs. Utschig and Mrs. Ciaccio's April Newsletter*

I think Spring has finally arrived in 4U! The children will be learning about all the weather changes that occur in April. They will be very familiar with the saying...."April showers bring May flowers." The students will create umbrellas, raindrops and rain slicker people this month! Spring will also be evident by the beautiful cherry blossom trees that will adorn our bulletin boards.

The students are nearing the end of their alphabet journey. In April they will be introduced to the letters W, X, and Y. Their file folders will be decorated with walruses, xylophones, yellow jackets, and yo-yos.

We are expecting an exciting arrival in our classroom this month! Five tiny caterpillars should be arriving and making a home in 4U. The students will watch them grow bigger...and bigger...and then turn into beautiful butterflies. This will provide a wonderful hands-on learning experience involving the life cycle of the butterfly.

We will celebrate Earth Day this month. The children will learn how to "reduce, reuse and recycle." They will also learn how important their role is in saving the earth and keeping our planet "green."

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Dismissal will be at 11:30 on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up for your conferences if you haven't already.

During the month of April, the children will participate in the annual St. Jude's Trike-a-Thon. For those of you who are new to St. Gregory's, this is an opportunity for your child to help a sick child, by riding his/her bike and



having some fun! They will ride "laps" in the parking lot and will get donations for each "lap" they ride.

As you can see, April is a VERY busy month in 4U. It is hard to believe that we will begin rehearsing for our graduation ceremony in just a few weeks!

