



# Country Club Active Learning

## APRIL INFORMATION

- Tuition is due by Wednesday. A late fee of \$10 is imposed on Thursday each week!

APRIL CALENDAR	
April 1st	April Fool's Day
April 1st – 5th	Theme: Changes
April 8th - 12th	Theme: Life Cycles
April 15th – 19th	Theme: Nurturing
April 22nd – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Theme: Earth
April 29 <sup>th</sup> - 30th	Before & After
<i>April Planner</i>	

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

We want to welcome all the new children and their families to Country Club Active Learning.

Please don't allow your children to bring toys to CCAL. For those items that cannot be left in the car, we will provide an item sitting service in the office.

Make sure your files are up to date with new phone numbers. Please see the office to update your child's file.

The weather is changing. Please bring a change of clothing to put in your child's cubby. Please label everything right down to underwear and socks. Especially make sure your



### "CARROT CUPCAKES"

#### *Yummy Treat!*

#### **You'll need:**

- Orange Starburst candies (one for each carrot)
- Kitchen skewer or toothpick
- Kitchen scissors
- Green Twizzlers
- Batch of cupcakes
- White frosting
- Cinnamon sugar

#### **Instructions:**

1. With clean hands, knead each Starburst candy and roll it into a mini carrot shape. If the candy is too stiff, you can microwave it for 4 or 5 seconds. But don't overdo it -- the candy will melt if it's overheated.

2. Use the skewer or toothpick to make a hole about 1/4-inch deep in the top of each carrot.



3. Cut 1 1/2-inch lengths from a Twizzler and then snip them in half vertically. Turn each half into a leafy top by cutting fringe in one end.



child's sweaters/light weight jackets are labeled.

### Recycling, Spring and Easter Poems/Songs

#### THIS OLD EARTH (Tune of: "This Old Man")

This old earth  
Needs our help  
To stay fresh and clean and green  
With a pick it up; pitch it in;  
and throw it in the can This old earth needs a helping hand!

#### RECYCLING

We've been working on recycling All the trash we can We've been working on recycling It's a very simple plan Separate your glass and paper Separate you plastic and tin Take the trash you've recycled... To the recycling bin!!!

#### REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE (Tune of: "The More We Get Together")

Reduce Reuse Recycle  
Recycle... recycle  
Reduce Reuse Recycle It's easy to do  
Cause your trash  
And my trash  
Make up way  
Too much trash  
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Its easy to do!

4. Insert the carrot tops into the holes in the carrots. If they don't fit, try trimming the bases a bit to taper them. Or use the skewer tip to gently push them in place.



5. When all the carrots are made (you'll want 2 or 3 per cupcake), frost the cupcakes and sprinkle the centers with cinnamon sugar to resemble a patch of sandy soil.

6. "Plant" the carrots in the cupcakes, leaving 1/4 to 1/2 inch of the orange candy showing.

#### **TRASH SNACK**

Ingredients:

Flat bottom ice cream cones, Cheerios, miniature marshmallows, pretzel sticks, and peanuts.

Take 4 lunch bags and put a different food item in each one.

Write "old tires" on the bag of Cheerios

"Styrofoam" on marshmallows bag

"Sticks" on the bag with pretzel sticks

"Stones" on the bag with peanuts

Serve the "trash" in trash cans (Ice cream cones)

### **Books for Toddlers to Elementary School Age**

#### **SPRING IS HERE by Lois Lenski**

- An enjoyable pocket sized rhyming picture book.

#### **MY SPRING ROBIN by Anne Rockwell, Harlow Rockwell (illustrator)**

- A toad, earthworm, crocus, violets and other signs of spring are discovered before the spring robin is found.

#### **NATURE'S GREEN UMBRELLA by Gail Gibbons**

- Go inside and experience the rainforest with the children as they learn about ecology, climate and geography.

#### **LET'S CELEBRATE EARTH DAY! by Peter Roop**

- Learn the importance of Earth Day.

#### **RECYCLE! by Gail Gibbons**

- Teaches children the benefits of recycling, and why we need to reduce waste and save our natural resources.

#### **BE SURE TO READ THE LORAX BY DR. SEUSS!**

It's MUCH more than a children's book!!! It's a GREAT LESSON for all ages!

The Lorax appears and speaks for the trees, since they have no voice of their own. The Lorax warns of the dangers of raping the land for the Truffula Trees, but the One is so greedy, he pays him no heed. As you can guess, the land soon dies, and all that is left is destruction and pollution. The Lorax sadly flies off, never to be seen there again. But, as it should be, the story ends with hope. He entrusts to you a seed, the very last seed, to start again for the Truffula Trees.