



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- April 2, 2015



Dear Parents,

Whether you will be home or away on a trip next week, there are ways you can continue to build your child's vocabulary and background knowledge while enjoying family time together.

The planning of any trip is an opportunity for lessons in geography. If your family will be traveling, show your child the place on a map. Notice and name the state or country, point out other places in the region such as landmarks or landforms, and/or surrounding bodies of water. Use the Internet to find out a little bit about the history or culture of the place you're visiting. Just a few minutes of reading and discussion can go a long way in building your child's knowledge base about the world.

If you will be staying home next week, there are a number of fun and educational activities on Long Island to enjoy with your children. Here is a list, courtesy of Newsday:

- Enjoy a Spring Egg Hunt at the CSH Fish Hatchery on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.
- The Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium in Centerport has special art and science workshops for children in kindergarten through fourth grade. Activities include learning how ancient Egyptians measured time, making a working sundial, visiting the Marine Museum and learning about whales, fish, sea turtles and sharks. The events are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.
- Head out on a seal-watching expedition with the Riverhead Foundation on Saturday, April 4; Sunday, April 5; and Wednesday, April 8 through Sunday, April 12 aboard the Captain Lou Fleet (28A Woodcleft Ave., Freeport). You'll view winter harbor seals in Hempstead Bay as well as other marine life. To make reservations, call 631-369-9840 or visit [riverheadfoundation.org](http://riverheadfoundation.org).
- Kids can rock out with the Imagination Movers, stars of a Disney Junior TV Series for preschoolers at Landmark on Main Street in Port Washington on Friday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Rich, Scott, Dave and Smitty will lead the audience through interactive dances and more. For more information, visit [landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://landmarkonmainstreet.org).
- Be inspired by artist Willem de Kooning as you experiment with drawing the human figure at the Long Island Children's Museum in Garden City on Monday, April 6 through Friday, April 10 at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Through collage and paint, kids can turn their drawings into a masterpiece. For more information, visit [licm.org](http://licm.org).
- At the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum children ages 5-7 can join in to "rescue" stranded dolphins, learn about conservation, meet ocean creatures and make tons of fun recycled crafts to take home on Monday, April 6 through Friday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m. They can enjoy self-serve craft stations among the exhibits at from 2:30 to 5 p.m. each day.
- On Monday, April 6 and Tuesday, April 7 at 2 p.m., check out "The Joshua Show" at the Long Island Children's Museum. Puppeteer Joshua Holden brings audiences a heartwarming story about friendship, confidence and the value of being yourself. For more information, visit [licm.org](http://licm.org).

- Mo Willems' children's book comes to live on stage with the musical "Elephant & Piggie's We Are in a Play" at Smithtown Center for the Performing Arts on Monday, April 6 through Friday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m., and Saturday, April 11 at 2 p.m. For more information, visit [smithtownpac.org](http://smithtownpac.org).
- On Saturday, April 11 at 2 p.m., families can check out "Jim Henson's Dinosaur Train Live!" at Tilles Center in Brookville. The PBS Kids show comes to life with Buddy, Tiny, Don and all of their friends and family as they take a trip back in time to an age when dinosaurs roamed the Earth -- and rode trains. For more information, visit [tillescenter.org](http://tillescenter.org).

However you spend the break, the faculty, staff, and I hope you enjoy the week off with your children.

We send our best wishes to our families celebrating Easter and Passover.

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

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### DATES TO REMEMBER:



- Spring Recess- Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>- Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- FRIDAY, April 10<sup>th</sup> is a Full day of school (Make-up for snow day)

### Notes from the GPFA

Our Kindergarten and First Grade Dances will be held on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> (Kindergarten) and Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The entire family is welcome! Come and enjoy as Mrs. Ranaldo leads the children in dance moves!

**Reminder: Earth Day poster (electronic) submissions are due Monday, April 6th.**

**Have a safe and fun Spring Recess!**

**Reminder: Friday, April 10th is a full day of school.**

