

WHAT'S "WHISTLING" IN THE CARDINAL CLASS FOR APRIL



MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



April Science Experiments

We will celebrate Earth Day and our wonderful Earth.

- The teacher will tell the story of how Earth Day was first celebrated in the United States on April 22, 1970 to promote preservation of the environment. Afterward the class will make a pledge to be EARTH-FRIENDLY!
- The children will brainstorm and think of ways to conserve electricity, water, and paper. The teacher will write down their thoughts and ideas and then the class will follow through on their ideas throughout the day!
- The children will play the "What Am I Game". The teacher will bring in several items and the children will determine if it goes in the "Recycle Bin" or the "Garbage Can".
- Plant flower seeds



Meet Letters Ss, Aa, and Ii

The children will:

We will introduce the letters Ss, Aa, and Ii, as well as revisit all the letters we have learned up to this point.



Numbers

22, 23, 24



"BIG" Words of the Week

Anonymous:

Anonymous means something is done or written by someone who doesn't share their name. It's like when you play a game and use a pretend name instead of your real one. If something is anonymous, it's like a secret because you don't know who did it or said it!

Independent:

Independent means being able to do things on your own without help. It's like when you learn to ride your bike without someone holding on or when you tie your shoes all by yourself. Being independent means taking care of yourself and making your own choices!

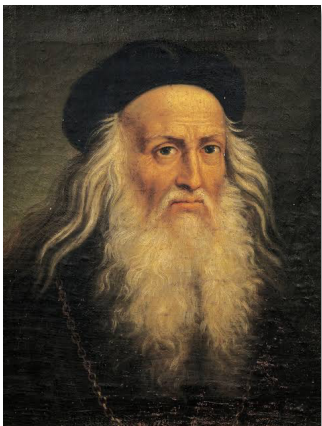
Saturated:

Saturated means something is so full that it can't hold any more!

- **Like a sponge**—When you add more and more water, but the sponge can't soak up anymore, it's saturated!

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Leonardo Da Vinci



Fine Motor Development Tweezers Transfer

A bowl with cotton balls provides an excellent opportunity to improve fine motor skills. The children will be given large tweezers and will transfer the cotton balls to an empty bowl. Chopsticks are also given to the children for this activity. The children improve their fine motor skills by learning to control the tweezers and position them around the cotton balls. They must also keep the tweezers closed until they reach the empty bowl, where they must use the fine motor skills to release the cotton.