

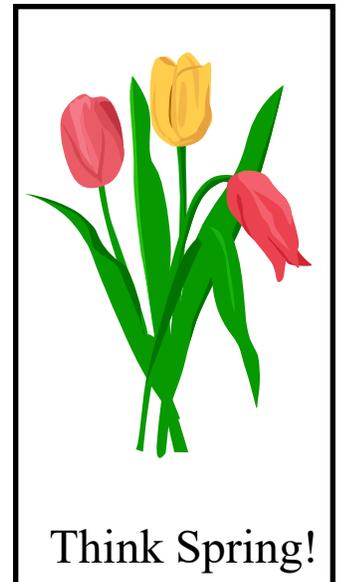
# Orange City Elementary

## Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Visitation Day

April 2022

If you haven't registered online yet and intend to send your child to either Kindergarten or Transitional Kindergarten this fall please call the office at 737-4606 or register online at [www.mocfv.org](http://www.mocfv.org). Remember that your child must be 5 by Sept. 15th, 2022 to be eligible for kindergarten or TK.

**TK and Kindergarten visitation day is Friday, April 29th.** Your child may ride a bus to school that day by boarding at any regular stop that one of our buses make. Their day will begin at 8:10 AM. The children will be dismissed at 11:00 AM and need to be picked up at that time. Buses will not run at the end of the morning so you are responsible for getting your child home. If you have any questions please call the school office at 737-4606.



Think Spring!

**Current TK and Kindergarten students will not have school on Friday, April 29th as that is the day that next year's group will be visiting!**

## Dates to Remember

April 7th	3rd grade Music Sharing Night– 7 pm
April 11th	String Recitals - 4,5 and 6 pm
April 15th-18th	Spring Break-No School
April 29th	TK and Kdg Visitation Day-No school for current TK and Kdg students

Friday Teacher Development Early Dismissals-1:15 PM : April 1, 8, 22, 29

# Reading Strategy of the Month

## Synthesizing

### **“Thinking About What Was Read and Remembering New Information”**

When we sit around our dinner tables at night and share the events of the day, we are synthesizing, sorting out the unimportant, creating our interpretation of the day for our families. Our **last** reading strategy of the month is *Synthesizing*. When a child recalls an adventure from the playground or grabs her teacher's arm, whispering, "Guess what?" she is synthesizing. Synthesis is a way of saying, "I have been there and this is what I remember. Let me see if by retelling it, I can come to better understand it."

As has been the practice all year, teachers will be creating opportunities for your child(ren) to practice synthesizing what is read. When involved in synthesis, the reader takes the information from the text and from his/her own experience. This information is then used to create an understanding of the text that involves more than just retelling.

Synthesizing brings together many of the strategies that we have been teaching during the school year - connecting, summarizing, questioning, inferring, and predicting. It is not only comprehending; it is being able to take information from our reading and apply it to new situations. Reading and synthesizing what was read together provides an opportunity for you to spend time sharing literature with your child.

You can help your child practice synthesizing by doing the following as you read together:

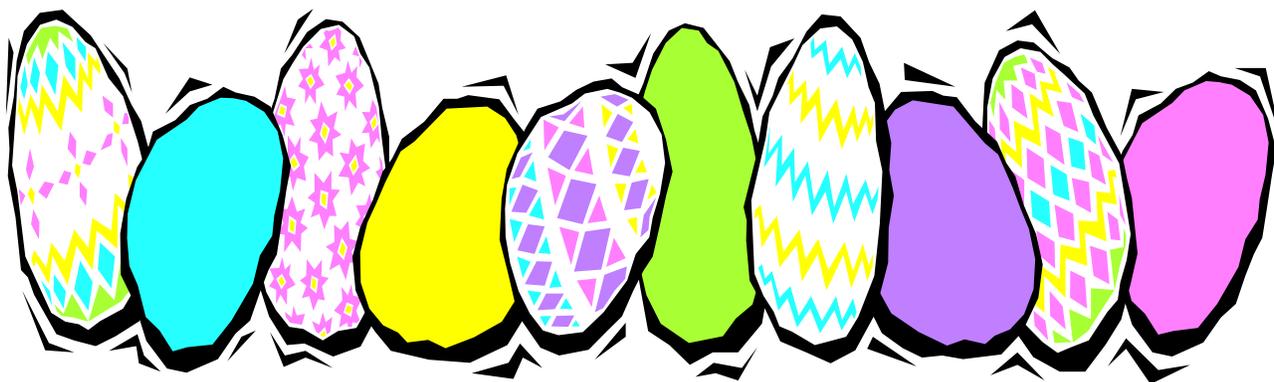
1. Read a book together as a family (or just with your child). Discuss with your child what the "author was trying to tell you".
2. As you read, create together your own retelling of the information - include information from your own or your child's experience.
3. Enjoy the book, learn from each other, and have fun.

## 4th and 5th Grade Track and Field Day

One of the most enjoyable days of the year for our 4th and 5th grade students is the Track and Field Day held each spring. The weather is usually great and the students enjoy the competition. To make this day truly successful **we are in need of parent volunteers** to help Mrs. Boersma. If you are interested in helping please call the school at 737-4606 or email Mrs. Boersma at [kboersma@mocfv.org](mailto:kboersma@mocfv.org). The date for this year's Track and Field Day is Friday, May 6th. The competition begins around 9:00 AM and ends around 1:00 PM.

## Dutch Dance and Dutch Games for 2nd-5th graders

Each year children from Orange City Christian, Orange City Elementary and Hospers Elementary Schools join in the Tulip Festival endeavors of Dutch Dancing and Games. **ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!** Practice for these events is held in music classes at school. The kids all come together for practice beginning the week prior to Tulip Festival. To participate students **must** have a Dutch costume and wooden shoes. Please look for more information on this event as the Tulip Festival approaches.



# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 March	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	31 Day 4	1 Day 5  Early Dismissal 1:15 PM	2   Mrs. Westra's Birthday
3	4 Day 6	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Day 3  3rd Grade Music Sharing Night 7 PM	8 Day 4  Early Dismissal 1:15 PM	9
10	11 Day 5  Elementary Strings Recital 4, 5, & 6 PM	12 Day 6	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 No School  Spring Break  Marcia Cleveringa's Birthday	16
17  Easter  Mrs. Maasdam's Birthday	18 No School  Spring Break	19 Day 3	20 Day 4  Mrs. Nonnemacher's Birthday	21 Day 5	22 Day 6  Early Dismissal 1:15 PM	23
24	25 Day 1	26 Day 2	27 Day 3  Mrs. Rhamy's Birthday	28 Day 4	29 Day 5  Early Dismissal 1:15 PM  2022-23 TK & KG Visit Day (No school for current TK/KG Students)	30   Mrs. Wieking's Birthday