

## **Dates to Remember**

# April

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|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| Sunday              | Monday         | Tuesday                      | Wednesday                          | Thursday       | Friday         | Saturday |
|                     | 1              | 2<br>Autism<br>Awareness day | 3<br>Weekly early<br>release 1:30  | 4              | 5              | 6        |
| 7                   | 8              | 9                            | 10<br>Weekly early<br>release 1:30 | 11             | 12             | 13       |
| 14                  | 15<br>VACATION | 16<br>VACATION               | 17<br>VACATION                     | 18<br>VACATION | 19<br>VACATION | 20       |
| 21                  | 22             | 23                           | 24<br>Weekly early<br>release 1:30 | 25             | 26             | 27       |
| 28                  | 29             | 30                           |                                    | 00 8           |                |          |
| Your paragraph text |                |                              |                                    |                |                |          |

## Congrats to the Teachers!!!!

Big shout out to all of our hard working teachers. They have been working since the fall identifying strands and collecting work samples to create the student MCAS alternate assessment portfolios for the state. On Wednesday they were boxed and shipped out to DESE for review. Great job teachers!



## Classroom News

#### Ms. Allison's Class

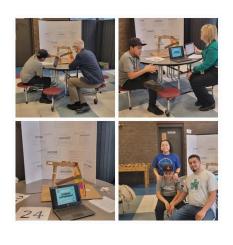
Students in Ms. Allison's class having some fun during leisure time.





## Ms. Ashley's Class

After being rescheduled twice, the district science fair finally took place this past week. The students in Ms. Ashley's class worked very hard to identify ideas for their science projects, assemble their projects and complete the district requirements (poster displays, digital notebooks) in order to participate. On Tuesday evening they displayed their projects at the science fair and answered questions for the judges. We are very proud of the students and staff in Ms. Ashley's class for participating in this district event.









### Ms. Sarah's Class

Students in Ms. Sarah's completing a variety of hands on activities during their work block.







## Library with Ms. Karen

This week in library with Ms. Karen, students continued participating in a variety of activities related to the Core Vocabulary words of the month. They also participated in movement songs and follow up activities to a story.











## Fun Around the Program









#### **News from Nurse Lea**

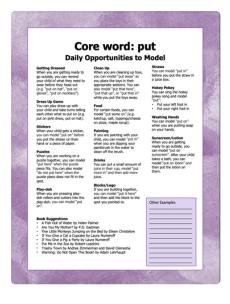
Free medical screening for adults and children. See attached flier.

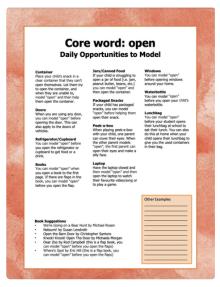


## Parent/Family Resoures

## **Core Vocabulary Words**

Staff/students in the program focus on particular core vocabulary words each month. See below for a list of activities provided by our Speech Language Pathologists for parents to use at home to support the core words the students are learning. This month's core words..." open" and "put".





## iCan Bike -Groton, MA

We understand that the vast majority of people with disabilities never have the experience of independently riding a conventional two-wheel bicycle during their lifetime. Research shows that over 80% of people with Autism and 90% of people with Down syndrome never experience this thrill. Defying these odds is why we exist!



## "ICan Bike" Camp

iCan Bike:

iCan Bike programs are for people with disabilities ages eight and up. We understand that the vast majority of people with disabilities never experience the thrill of independently riding a two-wheel bicycle during their lifetime. For example, recent research shows that over 80% of people with Autism and 90% of people with Down syndrome never learn to ride a two-wheel bicycle. Defying these odds is why we exist!

Our adapted iCan Bike program resulted from more than twenty years of research by Dr. Klein, a mechanical engineering professor, and his students at the University of Illinois. Dr. Klein retired from his academic career at the University of Illinois in 1998 and offered the first bike camp in 1999 in La Crosse, WI. In the ensuing years, Dr. Klein and his wife invested a significant portion of their lives in growing the bike program to three fleets of bikes and approximately 30 camps in 2006.

Our bike camps occur predominantly in the summer months but also during week-long school breaks. We collaborate primarily with local charities, parks and recreation departments, colleges, universities, motivated parents and other individuals we refer to as our camp 'hosts' who secure a local facility and recruit riders and volunteer spotters for the 5-day (M – F) camp.

Hosts pay us a fixed fee to conduct these 5-day camps which consist of five 75-minute bike-riding sessions per day with a range of four to eight riders per session. The number of riders per session depends on the square footage of the indoor riding area of the host-provided facility and the host's recruiting efforts. The fixed fee for our iCan Bike camp remains the same regardless of how many riders the host facility can accommodate (between 20 and 40 riders).

For more details about hosting one of our iCan Bike Camps, please visit our iCan Bike Host page.

## **DDS 101 Training**

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