

# April 2015

April will be an opportunity for us to explore Growing things; this might include plants, bugs and people. We will be visiting some of the forests close to Queneesh going outside at 11:00 each day. Please be prepared to be outside. Do you have a garden at your house?

While we are outside we will be using the loose parts playground. I am very excited to share this with our children again. This play project grew from some work in my very first PLC. I am impressed with the creativity as children explore the materials. As adults we can support children's play with loose parts. When we are close to the children as they play we can help them to problem solve as they create new ways to learn and grow. Children are often challenging themselves with their learning. The benefit of our multi-aged group program is that children learn from each other. I ask that adults try to be close by the different groups of children to support the play, as it is ever changing.

April 4th: Welcome Back !

April 5<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten meeting at Queneesh 6 to 7 pm

April 6th- Start planning for our garden. What would you like to grow?

April 8th- In the afternoon we will join Mrs. David's class for a walk in the North Island forest, we will look closely at the forest. We will use our observations to make a book for our classroom.

April 11<sup>th</sup> Visit with the seniors, we will leave from StrongStart, please sign up to let me know you will be attending. Would you like to ask the seniors to come for another visit?

April 13: Play outside with the loose parts playground after gym.

April 15<sup>th</sup>: Visit at Van Isle Veterinary Hospital (TO BE CONFIRMED). Watch for more details at StrongStart including sign up. Please bring your lunch, we will visit the Vet's office and then go to play at Lewis Park.

April 18<sup>th</sup>: We will play outside with the Loose Parts Playground, Mrs. David's class will join us.

April 22: Outside Earth Day at Sandwick Park. Meet at the park at 9:30. We will feed the duck and celebrate Earth day. Please dress for being outside.

April 26th: We will meet at Kin Beach to play and watch the Snow Birds. Please sign up at StrongStart and be prepared to be outside.

## **Umbrellas Finger play**

Five umbrellas stood by the back door,

The red one went outside, then there were four.

Four umbrellas pretty as can be,

The blue one went outside, then there were three.

Three umbrellas with nothing to do,

The green one went outside, then there was two.

Just two umbrellas feeling alone in the hall,  
The purple one went outside, and then there was one.  
One umbrella looking for some fun.  
The orange one went outside and then there were none.

**Happy Spring**

**Colleen Friendship**