



# COUGAR'S CORNER



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## MEANING OF EASTER

Eggs and Chicks and Bunnies are near for Easter, you see, will soon be here

But what is Easter- and why the Spring season? Gather 'round and I'll tell you the reason!

Chicks are hatched out of eggs, you see They represent new life for you and me

for Jesus died and was buried three days then Easter morning, he was raised

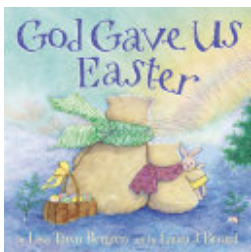
So when we die, we can live again Jesus gave new life to all God's children

Bunnies are part of Easter too They're born in the Spring when all is new

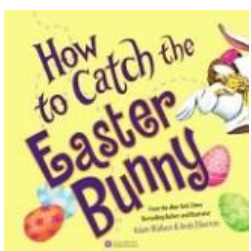
The grass, the flowers, and leaves start to grow Putting an end to their sleep in the snow

So as you gather your treats and have fun Let them remind you of Jesus and all He has done

## ST. JOSEPH BOOK NOOK



A delightful illustrated picture book for readers ages 3 and up, *God Gave Us Easter* features the adorable polar bear Little Cub, talking with her father and learning about God's design for the Easter season and what it really means.



Finding eggs is easy, but can YOU catch the Easter Bunny in action this year? He has a basket full of treats and tricks for staying hidden—plus that bunny hippity hops with lightning speed! Start a new tradition and get inspired to build STEAM traps of your own to pair with the readaloud!



**SPRING TEA: May 9th 1:00pm**  
**GRADE 6 CELEBRATION: June 12th 9:30am**  
**FAMILY BBQ: June 19th 5:00-7:00pm**

## Reading At Home

can make a huge difference!



### Make Reading A Part Of Your Family Time!

Family time is so important... Why not make reading a part of this valuable time with your kids? Here are some tips for integrating reading into our daily family activities:

- Read bedtime stories
- Play a board game
- Visit your local library
- Read a recipe and cook something yummy together!
- Create a comfy reading space in your home.
- Put your child in charge of reading the grocery list at the store.



### Choose Appropriate Reading Levels For Your Child

- Use the five finger rule. Open the book to any page and ask your child to read. Put up a finger every time your child does not know a word. If you have put up more than five fingers before the end of the page, this book is too hard for your child.
- Choose books that match your child's likes and interests.

### How To Read With A Beginning Reader:

- o Encourage your child to use his/her finger to point to each word.
- o Read a sentence and have your child repeat it.
- o Take turns reading a sentence each or a page each.
- o Talk about the story as you read it. What do you think will happen next? What does this story remind you of? How do you think this character feels?
- o Don't be afraid to read the same book again! Repeated reading helps build reading fluency!



10-15 minutes is plenty for a beginning reader!

### Check For Understanding

- ✓ Start the book by making predictions. What do you think will happen in this story?
- ✓ Ask questions and make comments during the reading process.
- ✓ After reading a book, have your child tell you the events from the story in the correct order.
- ✓ What was the problem in this story?
- ✓ How did the character feel when...?
- ✓ Encourage your child to make connections. Does this story remind you of another book you read, an event in your life, a movie?



### Keep plenty of reading materials in your home:

books, magazines, newspapers, and comic books. Children enjoy having a variety of reading materials!

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## APRIL'S LITTLE RIDDLE

I do not march, but I arrive in it.  
I bring new life, but I'm not a mother.  
What am I?



Answer: Spring

# Important Information



## The Jelly Bean Prayer

**RED**

is for the blood he gave,

**GREEN**

is for the grass he made.

**YELLOW**

is for the sun so bright,

**ORANGE**

is for the edge of the night.

**BLACK**

is for the sins we made,

**WHITE**

is for the grace he gave.

**PURPLE**

is for his hour of sorrow,

**PINK**

is for our new tomorrow.

*An egg full of jelly beans, colorful and sweet,  
is a prayer, is a promise, is a special treat.*

*May the joy of Christ's Resurrection fill  
your heart and bless your life.*

## SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

**Please be aware of the three way stop at the corner of Huot and Powell. All vehicles must come to a complete stop before proceeding through the intersection.**



Our schoolyard supervision **begins at 8:30** in the morning. In order to ensure your child's safety, please do not drop them off prior to that time.

If you are **picking up your child at the end of the day, please contact the school by 2:00** to have them removed from the bus list. Please also check in with the staff on duty before leaving with your child.

**The safety of our students is our first priority! Thank you for your cooperation.**

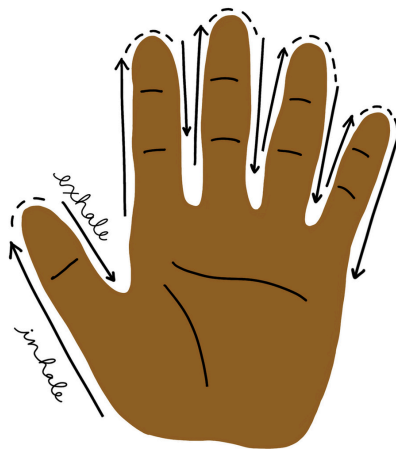
## UPCOMING EVENTS/THEME DAYS

- April 2:** Dress in Rainbow Colours for Autism Awareness/Police Foundations Program for Gr. 5/6
  - April 3:** Dodgeball Tournament for Gr. 4/5
  - April 4:** Professional Activity Day/No School
  - April 11:** Paddington's Tea Party at Lunch
  - April 16:** Dress in Glow Bowl Colours/School Bowling
  - April 17:** Mass at St. Joachim's Church 9:30am
  - April 18-21:** Easter Weekend/No School
  - April 22:** Dress in Green and Blue/ Litterless Lunch for Earth Day
  - April 23:** Drop Everything and Read/World Book Day
  - April 30:** Basketball Tournament for Gr. 5/6 Girls
  - May 7:** Basketball Tournament for Gr. 5/6 Boys
  - \*April 8, 10, 15, 17, 22 and 24:** Grade 3 Swimming
- Spirit Wear Clothing Sales  
**May 5-9:** Scholastic Book Fair  
**May 1:** Family Spaghetti Dinner

COMING SOON

## COUGAR'S ZEN DEN Calming Strategies for Kids

### TRACE AND BREATHE



1. Breathe in through your nose, trace up finger slowly.
2. Breathe out through your mouth, trace down your finger.
3. Repeat with each finger.

## ENSURING A SAFE & HAPPY ENVIRONMENT

Please be mindful of allergies to food items and scents.

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to use their cell phones and personal devices from "Bell to Bell." We greatly appreciate your support to protect our instructional time during the day.



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