



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Spring!

Please join us in reminding our students that our fourth and final quarter of this school year is extremely important. Teachers are busy planning engaging and motivating lessons to cover the remaining skills and concepts for this year. Homework will be given, and teachers will continue to assess your child's progress. It is very important for students to continue to come to school each day ready to learn. We continue to hold high expectations for our students learning and behavior. We expect the best, and we know that our students are ready for the challenge. Your support and encouragement will surely help our efforts to make this 4th quarter a tremendous success for all of our students.

This month will be a very busy month. We will have our Easter parade and begin preparing for the next year by offering transition opportunities such as the Next Grade Parent Visitation, parent night at RJ Vial and field trip to RJ Vial. We also need to hear your thoughts on how to improve our school. Please complete the parent survey between April 17 and 28. There is an article with more information about this important survey.

We hope that you and your family had a fantastic Spring Break, and we are looking forward to an incredible fourth quarter!

Lisa Perrin  
Principal

## MISSION

Allemands Elementary School is committed to providing high-quality educational opportunities to build the foundation for children to become enthusiastic life-long learners who are equitable, safe, empathetic, and respectful.

## VISION

All stakeholders of Allemands Elementary School embrace the education of every student as our top priority by providing a positive foundation for success. Our school prepares students to meet the challenges within the changing global society while preserving our historical culture. There is a profound commitment from stakeholders to help all students become college and career ready, creating life-long learners. Our school provides a safe and inclusive atmosphere created through respect for self, others, and our environment. Actively engaged students aspire to reach their full potential, reflecting the high expectations among our faculty, families, and community.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

April

Date	Activity
5th	Playgroup @ 10:00  PTA Board Meeting @ 1:00 Zoom Meeting Link: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93824317679?pwd=M3l0NDlCdXZaYTd3L3VXcGhvV2NUQT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93824317679?pwd=M3l0NDlCdXZaYTd3L3VXcGhvV2NUQT09</a>
6th	Patel color or Easter shirt day Easter Parade 2:00
7th-14th	Spring Break- no school
17th	Classes resume
19th	Playgroup @ 10:00
20th	Family Center Parent Visitation for Grade Next Year @ 10:00  Volunteer Day in Family Center  SIP Stakeholder Meeting @ 1:00 in Family Center
24th	AES 2nd graders visit RJV
25th	Future RJV Family Information Night
26th	Playgroup @ 10:00  Family Center Parent Visitation for Grade Next Year @ 10:00  School Board Meeting @ Central Office 6:30
27th	Progress Reports Sent Home Class Pictures





# We'll Stand **BAYOU** at AES!



## STEAM Night Fun

Thank you to all of the families who participated in STEAM Night. It was a success!



## Outerwear Reminders

Outerwear must open the length of the front by snapping, buttoning, or zipping. No hooded sweatshirts may be worn on any school campus during the school day.

In addition, please make sure that all of your child's outerwear is labelled with their first and last name.

We have a lost and found area with many unclaimed jackets. If your child is missing a jacket, please make sure to have them come to the lost and found.



Don't  
Forget!

## Newsletter Delivery

As part of our efforts to embrace technology, take care of our environment, and monitor spending, we will have an electronic newsletter delivery. Allemands Elementary will deliver the monthly school newsletters via email. Additionally, the school newsletter will be posted to the school's web page. If you would like a printed copy of the school newsletter, please notify Lakia Butler at [lbutler@stcharles.k12.la.us](mailto:lbutler@stcharles.k12.la.us) and a copy will be sent home each month with your child. Thank you.

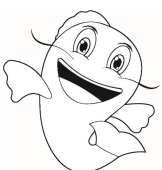
## Early Dismissal

When our school has an Early Dismissal schedule, it is imperative to talk to your child about what will be different for that day. If you need to have a child picked up from carpool instead of riding the bus, a note or email must be written and submitted to the office by 10:30. Emails must be sent to [gesbus@stcharles.k12.la.us](mailto:gesbus@stcharles.k12.la.us). Please call school if you have any questions about our Early Dismissal procedures. We do not have an early dismissal in April.

## SIP Stakeholder Group

We are looking for parents, grandparents, and community members to work with us! Our School Improvement Team wants to hear your voice in regards to making improvements to our school. Each month we will hold a meeting with the group of stakeholders to talk about activities and initiatives. These meetings will be in-person and will last 30-45 minutes. We will hold these meetings on our Volunteer Days to accommodate stakeholders. Thank you for your feedback! If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Valerie Chiasson at [vchiasson@stcharles.k12.la.us](mailto:vchiasson@stcharles.k12.la.us).

## Congratulations Lindsay Duhe and Tonya Tastet



We'll stand  
**BAYOU**



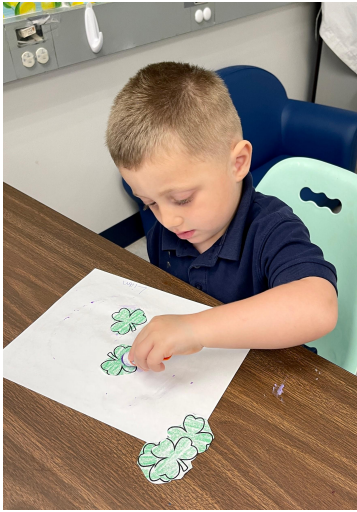


# OUR LEARNING



## pre-k

We are so "eggcited" about Easter this month. In math we will be counting bunnies, chicks, and eggs. In literacy we will be learning about habitats, so definitely talking about bunny habitats. Our students will have so much fun interacting and making connections with their classmates. There will be lots of bunny hopping going on for sure. Happy Easter Everyone!



## kindergarten

Kindergarteners are learning that teen numbers are made up of a group of 10 and some more. We are working on counting carefully and accurately. In Skills, we are reading and writing words with double consonants and reading stories from our Sam reader. In Knowledge, we have learned all about royalty! We had lots of fun walking in our Easter Parade and going on our Easter Egg Hunts!






# OUR LEARNING



## first grade

In the month of April, our first graders are continuing to build their knowledge in all subjects. In Skills, we are learning to read and write multi-syllabic words and words that end in -ed. We will begin a new reader, *Grace*. This is a fiction reader. Have your child discuss the story read in class with you. You can help by asking about the characters, setting, and major events. In Knowledge, we have enjoyed learning about Fairy Tales. We will next move into the domain learning about A New Nation. Your student will begin learning about place value strategies and solving word problems, which they will take with them into second grade. Please continue to complete the nightly homework to support your child with the skills we are learning. Please continue to remind your child of the importance in showing CARES throughout our learning day!

## second grade

It's Showtime!  We're so *Egg* *sighted* about all the teaching and learning we've done thus far! It is time for students to independently **show what they know** and can do. As we continue teaching and learning in the last quarter of school, it is very important that all students continue doing their very best and applying skills that they have learned throughout the year. Remind your child to write legibly and to continue practicing strategies when solving facts. Remember to review your child's homework after he or she completes it. Second graders should be studying spelling words nightly. Students will be assessed on 20 spelling words. In math, students will graph data, count money, and measure using standard units of measurement. Solving one and two -step word problems involving length and money will be a focus as well. With spring in the air, it's a perfect time to "hop into reading" a great book! Remember to have your child read and retell nightly. When they read nonfiction, have them identify the main topic and supporting details. Students will be reading chapter books, so they should retell each chapter. Let's spring into a successful last quarter of teaching and learning together!

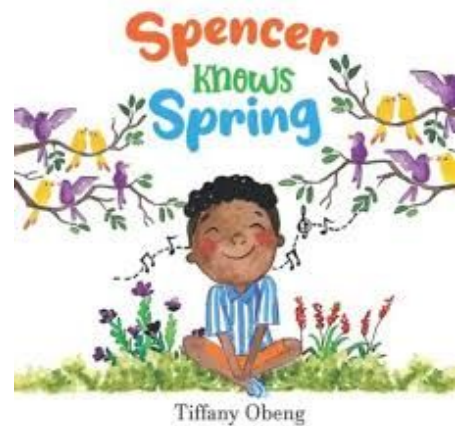


# ENRICHMENT

Librarian's

Letter

## APRIL BOOKS



## COUNSELOR'S corner

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### HEALTHY HABITS TO TEACH YOUR KIDS FOR A BETTER LIFE

- 1 KEEP A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT 
- 2 ENCOURAGE YOUR KIDS 
- 3 LIMIT SCREEN TIME 
- 4 INTRODUCE READING HABIT IN YOUR KID FROM EARLY ON
- 5 EAT BREAKFAST IN THE MORNING 
- 6 ENCOURAGE OUTSIDE PLAY 
- 7 MAKE EATING COLORFUL 
- 8 PICK ENJOYABLE PHYSICAL HABITS
- 9 ENJOY A FAMILY DINNER
- 10 FOLLOW A GOOD ROUTINE
- 11 GIVE THEM HOUSEHOLD CHORES AND REWARD THEM 
- 12 MAINTAIN HYGIENE 
- 13 DRINK MORE WATER
- 14 MAINTAIN GOOD ORAL HYGIENE
- 15 MAKE FRIENDS 

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## French

Happy Spring! We will be learning some french spring vocabulary words and play virtual spring bingo. We will also be learning some Earth Day vocabulary. It's going to be a busy month.



# Allemands Elementary Family Center

## Together We Can Make a Difference

Valerie Chiasson

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Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays



### How Can You Support Your Child Academically:

#### **Find out how your child is doing.**

Ask the teacher how well your child is doing in class compared to other students. If your child is not keeping up, especially when it comes to reading, ask what you or the school can do to help. It's important to act early before your child gets too far behind. Also be sure to review your child's report card each time it comes out.

#### **Apply for special services if you think your child may need it.**

If your child is having problems with learning, ask the school to evaluate your child in his or her strongest language. The teacher might be able to provide accommodations for your child in class. If the school finds out your child has a learning disability, he can receive extra help at no cost.

#### **Make sure that your child gets homework done.**


Let your child know that you think education is important and that homework needs to be done each day. You can help your child with homework by setting aside a special place to study, establishing a regular time for homework, and removing distractions such as the television and social phone calls during homework time.

#### **Find homework help for your child if needed.**

If it is difficult for you to help your child with homework or school projects, see if you can find someone else who can help. Contact the school, tutoring groups, after school programs, churches, and libraries. Or see if an older student, neighbor, or friend can help.

#### **Help your child prepare for tests.**

Tests play an important role in determining a student's grade. Your child may also take one or more standardized tests during the school year, and your child's teacher may spend class time on test preparation throughout the year. As a parent, there are a number of ways that you can support your child before and after taking a standardized test, as well as a number of ways you can support your child's learning habits on a daily basis that will help her be more prepared when it's time to be tested.





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miércoles, jueves, y viernes

**Apoye los esfuerzos académicos de su hijo**



**Averigua cómo le va a su hijo en sus cursos.** Pregúntele a la maestra cómo le está yendo a su hijo en comparación con los demás estudiantes. Si su hijo se está rezagando, especialmente en la lectura, consulte qué puede hacer usted o la escuela para ayudar. Es importante actuar oportunamente antes de que su hijo se retrase demasiado. Lea los reportes o informes escolares de su rendimiento académico. Para obtener más información, consulte la página [Cómo saber si su hijo necesita ayuda adicional](#).

**Solicite servicios especiales si cree que su hijo los necesita.** Si su hijo está teniendo problemas de aprendizaje, solicite que la escuela lo evalúe en el idioma que más domina. Es probable que la maestra pueda hacer "adaptaciones" en la clase para su hijo. Si la escuela concluye que su hijo tiene una discapacidad de aprendizaje, usted podrá recibir ayuda adicional libre de costo. Para recibir más información consulte la página

**Supervise la tarea.** Haga a su niño comprender que usted piensa que la educación es algo importante y que hay que cumplir con la tarea escolar. Usted le puede ayudar a su niño con la tarea en las maneras siguientes: aparte un lugar especial para que su niño estudie, fije una hora para hacer la tarea, y elimine las distracciones como el televisor y llamadas sociales. También hay muchas maneras en que usted puede ayudar si no conoce la materia a fondo o porque no domina el inglés tan bien como su hijo.

**Busque quién le ayude a su hijo con las tareas.** Si se le dificulta ayudarle a su hijo con las tareas o los proyectos escolares, consulte para encontrar a alguien más que pueda ayudarle. Comuníquese con la escuela, los grupos de tutoría, los programas después de la escuela, las iglesias y las bibliotecas o busque la ayuda de un estudiante mayor, vecino o amigo.

**Ayude a su hijo preparar para las pruebas.** Las pruebas estandarizadas cumplen en la actualidad un papel fundamental en las escuelas públicas de los Estados Unidos. Su hijo puede dar una o más pruebas estandarizadas durante el año escolar y es posible que el maestro de su hijo dedique tiempo de clase a la preparación para el examen a lo largo del año. Como padre o madre, hay muchas formas de apoyar a su hijo antes y después de dar una prueba estandarizada, así como también hay muchas formas de apoyar los hábitos de estudio de su hijo a diario, que lo ayudará a estar mejor preparado cuando llegue el momento de la prueba.

# St. Patrick's Day Fun

Thank you to all of the students who wore green on St. Patrick's Day.



Don't forget to eat lunch with a child, the following must be in place.

- The parent must have the one or two guests on the emergency card.
- Parents must sign up the guest(s) on Sign-Up Genius.
- The guest(s) must sign-in with an ID at the office.
- The guest(s) and child will sit at the picnic tables outside.
- The guest(s) will leave when the child's lunchtime is finished.
- Reservations are made by grade level, not classes this semester.



# PTA News



**Scan QR Code for:**  
PTA Membership,  
Spirit Shirts, Magnets and all  
other PTA related signups.

Our Spring Fundraiser runs March 8 - 22! Please help us reach our goal of raising \$8000 by participating as you can!

## CHECK OUT OUR AWESOME PRIZES!

All participants will earn a  
**DRESS DOWN DAY!**

**+++PLUS+++**

*Sell \$120 - Recess with Administrators*

*Sell \$300 - Silly String Administrator(s)*

**TOP TWO SELLERS:**

Principal/Assistant Principal for the Day

PTA Nominations for the 2023/2024 school year will be accepted in the upcoming months! Please consider joining us next year! For more information, email us at [allemandspta@gmail.com](mailto:allemandspta@gmail.com)

## Catfish Character Traits

Our School Improvement Team has designated a character trait each month to teach the Essential 11 Traits each week. In addition, the PTA will support our school by sending home a family activity to practice this trait. In March, we will focus on **Empathy**. Our teachers will read a grade-specific book and review the trait during the month. Please help us to reinforce these character traits at home and in the community.

**5/1-Good Sportsmanship**

If someone in the class wins a game or does something well, we will congratulate that person.

**5/8-Accept Mistakes**

Accept that you are going to make mistakes. Learn from them and move on.

**5/15-Friendship**

Song: "All My Friends..."

Friendship Soup - Great find Logan!

Let us know if your child shows this character trait at home or the community by returning the information below. We will read it during the announcements to celebrate your child!

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What did he/she do to show Empathy in your home or the community?

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# Cajun Dancer Reunion

On March 11, 2023, Allemands hosted a Cajun dancer reunion. We had a great turnout and it was heartwarming to see some of our past dancers. At the reunion we learned about the Cajun dance program that was started at AES 45 years ago. Next year the enrichment team will be sharing this information with 2nd grade as a Cajun unit.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Cajun Dancer Reunion.

Here are some of the wonderful memories that were made!







Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year (fall 2023), the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) will be observing the existing school entry requirement that students be vaccinated with at

least two doses of Hepatitis A vaccine before entering kindergarten, or any grade thereafter.

In preparing for this update in the 2023-2024 school year, reach out to your child's medical provider or contact your school nurse to clarify if the Hepatitis A vaccination is needed. If a student has an updated exemption on file, parents/guardians are not required to provide such immunization/record for school entry/attendance.

St. Charles Parish Public Schools will be collaborating with Access Health to provide on-site immunizations the week of May 1-4, 2023. Parents/guardians may complete an Immunization Consent and return to the School Nurse no later than Thursday, April 6, 2023 if you would like your child to receive required immunizations. See the link or QR code below to access the Immunization consent for Access Health.

You may contact your School Nurse for any questions or concerns.

St Charles Immunization Form in Spanish Link: <https://app.hellosign.com/s/KjQYnrSt>

St Charles Immunization Form in English Link: <https://app.hellosign.com/s/H1qedRTY>

Melissa Schexnaydre, R.N.

School Nurse

R.J. Vial Elementary

Allemands Elementary



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# Google Classroom

*on your Smartphone!*



Download the Google Classroom App from the App Store on any Smart Device.

Sign in using your child's SCPPS username and password (canc214@stcharles.k12.la.us)

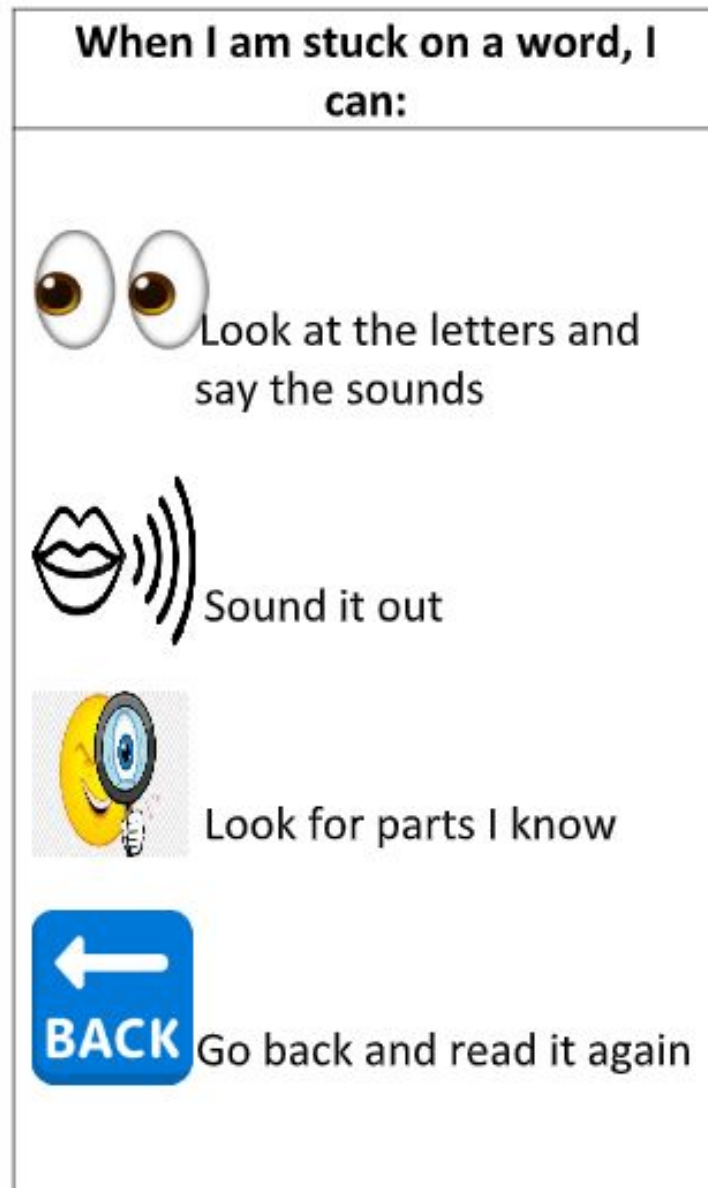


Click your child's teacher's classroom page.

Find learning resources, homework, pictures from class activities, & more!

**Phonics** is the ability to use knowledge of letters and sounds to read and write words.

Spend time reading with your child at home. Listen to them read and give them feedback to support their reading. Here is a bookmark you can print out and use when your child is stuck on a word.





# STEAM

**Science/TECHNOLOGY/ENGINEERING/ART/MATH**

## **STEAM education develops children's critical thinking skills**

Because STEAM projects are in their core interdisciplinary, they allow children to look at them from different perspectives. This, in turn, improves their ability to see a problem they are trying to solve from various viewpoints, weighing and evaluating their possible implications as well as all the different approaches and solutions one could apply. Such an approach makes collaboration and the applicability of the learned skills much easier.

Here is the link from the article it came from.

<https://www.robowunderkind.com/blog/what-is-steam-education-and-why-is-it-so-important-for-children>





**MENUS FOR**  
**APRIL 2023**  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**  
**ST. CHARLES PARISH**  
**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.  
Menus are subject to change.



**OUR NATION'S HISTORY**

**P**aul Revere began the famous "midnight ride" on April 18, 1775. But he didn't finish it. Revere made it from Boston to Lexington, warning residents that "the regulars (British soldiers) are coming!" Then, he set out for Concord with William Dawes and Samuel Prescott. Revere was captured and later released – without his horse. In fact, only Prescott actually made it all the way from Boston to Concord to warn our patriots to remove military supplies before the soldiers could arrive.

**WITH LIBERTY & JUSTICE FOR ALL**



# April FISH?



In France, April Fool's Day is called "April Fish Day"; and the person you play a prank on is called the "poisson d'Avril"  
-- THE APRIL FISH!. No, really, it's true!

**Monday, April 3**

**Breakfast**  
Pancake/Sausage on Stick  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Red Beans w/Ham  
Steamed Rice  
Seasoned Mustard Greens  
Steamed Carrots  
Cornbread Poppers  
Applesauce

**Tuesday, April 4**

**Breakfast**  
Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Tacos w/Cheese  
Steamed Corn  
Refried Beans  
Taco Salad Cup, Salsa  
Peaches

**Wednesday, April 5**

**Breakfast**  
St. Charley Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Chicken & Sausage  
Jambalaya  
Broccoli Florets  
Garden Salad  
Graham Bear, Banana

**Thursday, April 6**

**Breakfast**  
Sausage Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Gripz  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**  
Pizza  
Marinara Sauce  
Green Beans  
Easter Brownies  
Pineapple Tidbits

**Friday, April 7**

**Good Friday**  
**No School Today**



**Monday, April 10**



**Tuesday, April 11**

**Wednesday, April 12**

**Thursday, April 13**

**Friday, April 14**

# Easter Break

**Last day of classes:**  
**Thursday, April 6**

**classes resume:**  
**Monday, April 17**



# GET IT IN YOU.

OK, this is big. Really big. So listen up. Fiber is found naturally in whole grains, fruits, and vegetables and is added to many other foods. It's good for you. Really good. SO EAT MORE FIBER.

# FIBER

EAT BETTER. PLAY HARDER. LIVE HEALTHIER. LEARN EASIER.  
**WELLNESS IS A WAY OF LIFE!**

Happy Earth Day To You!



What's on **YOUR** plate?



**Q: Where do we get our tomatoes?**



**A:** The average American eats 22 pounds of tomatoes a year, and all of them came from a vine somewhere. But less than half the tomatoes we eat are fresh. We get most of our tomatoes in processed form, out of a bottle of ketchup or a can of tomato sauce.

Learn more at [www.CHOOSEMYPLATE.gov](http://www.CHOOSEMYPLATE.gov) or [http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay\\_healthy/food/pyramid.html](http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay_healthy/food/pyramid.html)

<b>Monday, April 17</b> <b>Breakfast</b> Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Waffle Bites with Syrup Potato Coins Steamed Broccoli Florets Applesauce	<b>Tuesday, April 18</b> <b>Breakfast</b> Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice <b>Lunch</b> 3 Bean Chili w/Cheese Fritos Steamed Corn Salsa Apple Wedges	<b>Wednesday, April 19</b> <b>Breakfast</b> St Charley Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice <b>Lunch</b> Turkey Stew Steamed Rice Carrot Soufflé Steamed Cabbage Banana	<b>Thursday, April 20</b> <b>Breakfast</b> Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice <b>Lunch</b> Lasagna Rollup Peas Italian Salad Garlic Dinner Roll Pineapples w/Cherries	<b>Friday, April 21</b> <b>Breakfast</b> Waffle Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice <b>Lunch</b> Pizza Marinara Sauce Green Beans Fresh Orange Wedges
<b>Monday, April 24</b> <b>Breakfast</b> Muffin Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Tenders Waffles w/Syrup Green Beans Carrots Sliced Peaches	<b>Tuesday, April 25</b> <b>Breakfast</b> Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice <b>Lunch</b> Orange Chicken Fried Rice Broccoli Florets Asian Chopped Salad Mixed Fruit	<b>Wednesday, April 26</b> <b>Breakfast</b> St Charley Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice <b>Lunch</b> Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Baked Beans Green Beans Banana	<b>Thursday, April 27</b> <b>Breakfast</b> Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Sausage Gumbo Steamed Rice Potato Salad Garden Salad, Crackers Pineapple Tidbits w/Cherries	<b>Friday, April 28</b> <b>Breakfast</b> Donut Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Gripz Fruit or Juice Choice <b>Lunch</b> Hamburger/Cheeseburger Crinkle Cut Fries Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Orange Wedges Cookie



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**With all meals:**

**Low Fat White Milk**

**Fat Free Flavored Milk**

**At Lunch:**

**Sandwich Choice**

