CHEEP INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH OF:
APRIL 2017

THEME: ANIMALS - ZOO AND OCEAN

STORIES OF THE MONTH:
1. “Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you Hear?”, by Eric Carle and Bill Martin (read by Val)
2. “Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother Too?” by Eric Carle
   (read by our MSLP student, Karla)
3. “Good Night, Gorilla”, by Peggy Rathmann (read by Val)
4. TBA (Karla’s choice)

DRAMATIC PLAY: During our focus on zoo we will be setting up zoo enclosures for a variety of animals where children will sign up to be zoo keepers with a list of jobs to check off. We will also be putting out animal costumes for children to pretend to be animals and also a gross motor area and an area to act out the story of “Good Night, Gorilla”.

FINE MOTOR FOCUS: We’ll be setting up some activities that encourage children to cross mid-line and some that encourage children to engage in “heavy work”.

GROSS MOTOR FOCUS: In addition to practicing skills in all areas of physical development we will be emphasizing activities that involve motor planning. Some examples are setting up obstacle courses for children to walk sideways (step together and crossing over) walk backwards, and walking on lines.

OTHER CENTRES: We have numerous toys, puzzles and games out that are zoo related. In the touch table we have a variety of zoo animals in various tactile materials such as soil, crushed corn cob animal bedding and water.

OTHER NEWS: Soon we will be taking every opportunity to go outside with our activities. Story time outside is a favourite! We do not apply sunscreen to children, so we encourage parents to prepare their children by applying at home if desired.