April Lesson Plan

Planting

**Montana Early Learning Standards:**

Communication and Language Development

Standard 3.3- Social Communication; Children develop skills to interact and communicate with others in effective ways. Science, literacy connections

Science

 Standard 4.16- Life Science; Children develop understanding and compassion for living things.

**Circle Time:**

 Story: Painting a Rainbow

 Rhymes: Mary, Mary Quite Contrary

**Family Activities:**

1. “Feely” Flowers; Children will make flowers out of different materials
	1. Materials
		1. Fabric cut into petal shapes
			1. Velvet
			2. Sandpaper
			3. Ribbed paper
			4. Burlap
			5. Satin
			6. Felt
			7. Corduroy
			8. Tin foil
		2. Stems out of green paper
	2. Question ideas
		1. How does it feel?
		2. Is this one softer/ rougher/ smoother etc?
		3. What would you use this for? (cooking, clothes, sanding wood…)
2. Watercolor Paints
	1. Materials
		1. Watercolor paints
		2. Paint brushes
		3. Paper
		4. water
	2. Question ideas
		1. Tell me about your painting (avoid asking what it is.)
3. Planting Seeds
	1. Materials
		1. Dirt
		2. Seeds
		3. Cups for seeds
	2. Question ideas
		1. What do you want to plant?
		2. What does a plant need to grow?

**Rhymes:**

*Mary Mary Quite Contrary*

Mary, Mary quite contrary

How does your garden grow?

With cockle shells and silver bells all in row.

#### Take Home Activities

* + Frisbees
	+ Insect jar
	+ Bubbles
	+ Sidewalk chalk