



April—National Poetry Month

Did you know that April is National Poetry Month? Many times when we think of poetry we think boring...but as you will see, poetry can be funny and interesting, especially with children's poetry.

As our SRYI participants enter the building next week, our first week of programming during April. I will have them gather around before sitting down and will read them a short poem. This will hopefully get them more interested in reading poetry and show them that poetry can be fun!

Spring Will be Pretty

By: Dave Crawley

Spring will be pretty. Just give it a week, When flowers are blooming down by the creek. Bees will be buzzing as trees start to bud, But for the moment I'm covered with mud. Snow has been melting, since winter is through, Replacing the whiteness with puddles of goo. I stepped off the sidewalk and into the ooze. Next thing I knew, I stepped out of my shoes! Mud on my ankles and mud on my clothes. I stumbled face-first and got mud up my nose. Spring will be pretty, but I must

confess, The first days of spring are a mucky mess!

This is one great poem that I was able to find online. I hope that by reading poems like this the children will really get a kick out of it!

If you have any poem ideas please let me know and I will incorporate them into the readings! Please get excited about this and encourage the children to listen and think about the poem while it is being read!

South Mountain

The South Mountain YMCA will be providing programming on Tuesday for the rest of the semester! They are working with our older participants on teambuilding and with our younger participants

on ecosystems. If you had a chance to be there this Tuesday you got to see our older participants really get into the games they were playing! They were able to break down barriers and do things

that would normally embarrass them. Thanks to those volunteers who joined them, seeing college students acting foolish during the games gives our SRYI participants more courage to try it themselves!



The SRYI participants are enjoying tricking Heather Shainline while playing a game with South Mountain!

Special points of interest:

- *Easter Break No Programming April 21st and 25th!*
- *If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me and we can sit down and talk!*
- *Please remember to let me know 24 hours in advance if you will not be making your day to volunteer.*



A group of SRYI Participants work with a Nursing student in a small group!

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Please Remember that Easter Break
is at the end of April!

We will not have programming on
April 21st or April 25th due to the
holiday!

Volunteer Corner

Many thanks goes out to the Alvernia Trans-cultural Nursing students who are providing programming on Monday's for our SRYI participants.

For those of you who don't volunteer on Monday's the Nursing class is teaching the SRYI participants about different topics such as Emergency Preparedness, Safety, Dental Health and more!

I would like to thank the students from the Trans-cultural Nursing Class for coming down and working with the SRYI participants.

Nutrition

Alyssa Soltis Miranda Hedrick
Krystle Moyer Silena Michel
Abigail Eby Ann Marie Menna
Melina Whalen Kelsey Reese
Jillian Weber Jenna Wengert

Dental Health

Panya Henry Manifay Hajallie
Giang Tran Kirsten Weaver
Amanda Sage Kaitlyn Malyszko
Amanda Ayres Megan Himmelberger
Miranda Miller Sarah Warren

Exercise

Maggie Smith Krystin Kettering
Jade Pereira Yara Pascal
Sandra Miller Jessica Krouse
Vladislav Vdov Jaide Worrall
Allison Ludy Joseph Zappulla
Elizabeth Bakanowski

Safety

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Amy Mesce Molly Willis
Megan McCafferty Victoria Benozich
Rebecca Gounder Maura Crowe
Monica Frutos Tabitha Zafrany

Emergency Preparedness

Ashley Rooney Katelyn Witmer
Felicia Thomas Torre Flemming
Ariana Torres-Herrera
Alexandria Gaul Abbey Mumma
Ann Gilhool Dayna Goheen
Michael Rapp Joseph Rychwalski

Rest and Relaxation

Katie Bostwick Jessica Hughes
Erin English Kelsey Danko
Julie Rzasza Mary Campbell
Lydia Remlinger Amanda Christel
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