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 muckety 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!

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### 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!

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**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.*
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.

Dental Health
Panya Henry     Manifay Hajarlie
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 Worral
Allison Ludy    Joseph Zappulla
Elizabeth Bakanowski

Safety
Angela Cook     Mary Van Kirk
Amy Mesce       Molly Willis
Megan McCafferty Victoria Benozich
Rebecca Gounder Maura Crowe
Monica Frutos   Tabitha Zafarany

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

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
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Erin English    Kelsey Danko
Julie Rzasa     Mary Campbell
Lydia Remlinger Amanda Christel
Jeffrey Helm    Anna Wengert