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Childcare Center

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April 2015

April has arrived with the many blessings of spring to come.
The long winter had made most of us anxiously await spring weather!



Did You Know?




Physical activity for young children is an important component of early brain development and learning. When adults model and teach the importance of physical activity, young children are more likely to adopt a lifetime of healthful practices and behaviors.

(from Head Start Body Start)



A WARM AND FRIENDLY WELCOME GOES OUT TO ALL OF OUR
NEW CHILDREN AND PARENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

-  **Outside Time.** Parents now that warmer weather has arrived the children will be playing outside more so **PLEASE DO NOT** dress your children in clothes or shoes you do not want to get dirty. If you prefer, you are welcome to have them bring extra play clothes and /or shoes to change in to.



Welcome We want to give a warm welcome to our new Director Ms. Lisa Gross. Ms. Lisa has joined our team and is getting to know our awesome students and parents. Please feel free to stop in and say hello if you have not yet met this great addition to our management.

Bunny



Chick



Eggs



Easter Basket



Parents,
If you have any
questions, concerns or
suggestions at any time
please feel free to
let us know.

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School Days

- ○ **April 6th**-School Reconvenes



DATES TO REMEMBER

- ○ **April 1st**- April Fool's Day
- ○ **April 5th** Easter Sunday
- ○ **April 22nd** -Earth Day
- **Student Dismissal** Parents please be sure to inform us if someone else will be picking up your child even if they are on the authorization card. If someone is picking up your child (and they are not on the card) it is imperative you let us know or your child **WILL NOT** be released to the person unless we can get a hold of you to verify. Also please inform any persons picking up your child to be sure and have their ID available. Thank you!

TOYS



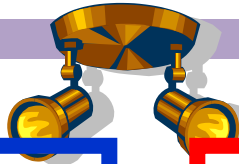
A lost or broken toy can be a big disappointment to a child. They can cause untold problems in the classroom as well. For these reasons we ask that you do not allow your child to bring toys. Electronics such as phones, games and iPods can be especially difficult to keep track of and they are expensive for a parent to replace so we ask that you be sure to remind your child to leave these items at home. Thank you!

Monthly Reminders

- Children **MUST** be here before 10am to be counted for lunch and **allow us to prepare for staffing.** **If you will arrive after 10am you MUST call** to let us know to count your child.
- Children **MUST** be picked up by 6pm or late fees are charged.
- Children **MUST** have a clean set of clothing in their cubby at all times (school age excluded). .
- **Two week** disenrollment notice must be given or half tuition will be charged for both weeks.
- **NO** toys or Electronics are allowed to be brought to school for any reason, other than scheduled **Show-N-Share** days.
- **Full tuition** is charged if your child attends any given hours during the week.
- **Half tuition** is charged per week if your child does not attend for a week or more.
- **Pillows and blankets** need to be taken home every **Friday** to be washed.
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Parents, **please** remember that your child needs to be **escorted** into the building each day by an **adult**. Not only does this help insure that you child's belongings get to their cubby, your child gets to the correct classroom, and is properly signed in, but it helps greatly towards the **safety** of your child. We can't be responsible for a child that has been left in the lobby or hallway since we very likely might not know that child has arrived. Please cooperate with us on this issue and make arrival time safe for everyone! **Thank you so much!**

April Classroom Spotlights



Trailblazing Twos (2 year olds)

During the month of April we will be focusing on a study of "Spring"

Our activities for April will include: Lots of digging! We will dig in the dirt, mulch and grass to see what bugs we can find. We will also dig in the dirt to each plant our own flower to care for in our classroom. We will be reading some Eric Carle books and will really explore his book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" as we make our own edible butterfly life cycle craft. We will take a walk to Braeburn park where we will look for flowers and bugs along the way. Our Foundation Goals for the month will include: Comprehending and responding to books and other texts as well as demonstrating knowledge of the earth's environment.

If you have any questions or suggestions at any time please feel free to speak with
Ms. Christie

Prevailing Preschoolers (3 year olds)

During the month of April we will be focusing on a study of "Balls"

This study will include five investigations through which the children explore balls that fascinate them. We will explore how balls work indoors and out. Our study will include questions such as; what makes balls move, who uses balls, do all balls roll, what balls are made of and do all balls bounce. Later this month we will be taking a field trip to Windsor Village Park to explore the balls in their gym. We will also explore simple science experiments with balls and other materials. Our Foundation Goals for the month will include: using number concepts and operations and demonstrating the understanding of the concept of one, two, etc. as well as using words to describe familiar objects (e.g., size, color and shape).

If you have any questions or suggestions at any time please feel free to speak with
Ms. Stacy or Ms. Lisa

Exceptional Explorers (4 year olds)

During the month of April we will focus on a study of "Balls".

We will discuss and explore many topics including what makes a ball move, who uses balls and what kinds of materials balls are made of. We will be experimenting with balls in many different ways both indoors and outdoors. Bouncing, rolling, throwing, catching, and watching the way different balls move will all be part of our study. Our Foundation Goals for the month will include: Regulating our emotions and behaviors, taking care of our own needs appropriately and initiating motor play through gross motor manipulative skills by manipulating balls with stiff body movements. We ask that you please remember to keep an appropriate change of clothes in your child's cubby at all times, as this is so important in keeping your child comfortable.

If you have any questions or suggestions at any time please feel free to speak with
Ms. Mignon or Ms. Kyra

School Age Super Stars (School Age)

For the month of April the Green room will be focusing on friendship and problem solving. We will discuss the meaning and the value of friendship. We will explore what it means to be a friend and how to work on being a better friend. We will also work on problem solving. We want to help the children learn to problem solve with a positive outcome. Problems arise even in the best of circumstances and we want to help the children have tools to solve problems at the first level before they grow into something bigger and more difficult to resolve. We want everyone in the class to know that we are here to help and that coming to us for suggestions or guidance is much better than lashing out with hands or words that are not appropriate. We greatly appreciate your support in our efforts to make problem solving a smooth process among our classmates!

If you have any questions or suggestions at any time please feel free to speak with
Ms. Ally or Ms. Cynthia