



## *April Newsletter*

### **A Note from Our Principal**

Happy April! Now that spring has arrived, we're looking forward to spending even more time exploring the outdoors. Taking advantage of the beautiful weather helps children learn and grow as they discover new things in their environment. Our teachers are planning outdoor games, lessons, and picnics to celebrate spring. We can't wait to share these activities with your child.

Sincerely,  
*Kristen Suh, Principal*

### **Week of the Young Child**

Week of the Young Child, April 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers and families. We have many fun activities planned for Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday and Family Friday.

For Family Friday, we are inviting 2 parent volunteers for each classroom (Toddlers-PreK2) to come read to your child's class. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby!

### **Earth Day**

In celebrating Earth Day, we will have the following school activities:

Lady Bug Release: (April 22) We will celebrate Earth Day by releasing ladybugs throughout the schoolyard and back into the environment on plants, flowers, and trees. Students will dress for the occasion in the likeness of ladybugs, wearing red and black colors and

antennae. Leading up to Earth Day, students will learn that ladybugs serve as a natural pesticide by feeding on insects that could otherwise harm the health of gardens, trees, and shrubs. Dress your child in black and red or anything with ladybugs on it that you may have. We can't wait to share photos with you.

For Earth Day, we are also going to create, "Recycled Sculpture Exhibit" Each class will produce a piece of sculpture as a group activity using recycled materials collected from families. Each class will work on the sculpture throughout the week. Classroom sculpture will be displayed in front of the classrooms on Earth Day. Children will learn in the classrooms why we need to take care of the Earth and why recycling helps take care of the Earth.

### **Love Our School? Review Us!**

In today's connected world, many families turn to online reviews to learn more about the reputation of schools. Just a reminder that you can find our school on Facebook, Google, Yelp and other online directories. We'd love more families like yours, so please consider spreading the word about our school.

### **Important Dates**

April 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – Week of the Young Child

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Earth Day Activities

April 29<sup>th</sup> – End of Month Folders go home

April 30- Open House

## **4 Educational Activities to Do with Your Child in Spring**

Spring is a great time to get outdoors, take advantage of the nice weather, and explore the change of the season. Being outside provides numerous benefits for your child's developmental growth and physical and mental health.

Below are some activities to do this season that are not only fun, but also educational.



### **1. Create a Nature Journal**

Start a new routine by taking walks with your child. Look for signs of spring, such as flowers, birds, and green leaves. After each walk, provide your child with a notebook and writing utensils. Encourage them to draw pictures or write about the things they saw. This fun exercise fosters creativity, writing, fine motor, and memory skills.

## **2. Fly a Kite**

Did you know that April is National Kite Month? Enjoy the breezy weather with your child! Find a wide-open field or park without trees or power lines and let your kite soar high in the sky. Use this opportunity to practice gross motor skills and hand-eye coordination and discuss concepts, such as wind and directional vocabulary.

## **3. Make Nature Prints**

Provide your child with a small bucket or basket and go outdoors. Ask them to collect a few favorite flowers or leaves. Roll out play dough or clay and encourage your child to gently press the item into the dough. Carefully lift the item to reveal a beautiful print. Ask your child to describe what they see. Roll the dough again and continue the fun.

## **4. Garden**

Gardening is a hands-on activity for children of all ages. Start small with a few pots or planters. Discuss the importance of sunlight and water for growing healthy plants and flowers. Each day, ask your child to help water the garden. If you've planted seeds, encourage your child to measure the plant's size and track using a chart or graph.