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# APRIL 2022

## Here's What We'll Be Up To...

**Hello Toddler Town Families &  
WELCOME to APRIL! The month of GROWTH!**

**April's theme is:  
APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS**  
During the month Of April we will be discussing the following:

1. WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD ( WOYC)
2. HOW TO TAKE CARE OF OUR EARTH (RRR)
3. Bunnies and Eggs (Patterns, Sorting and Matching)
4. Plants and Seeds
5. Clouds and Rain

**Here are some Special Dates to remember:**

**1<sup>st</sup> –School Closed (Teacher first Aid CPR training)**

**15<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> –Week of the Young Child**

**(This is a BIG DEAL in our Center, Ask your child's teacher how they are celebrating.**

**Also see Page 3 of our newsletter for more details)**

**7<sup>TH</sup> -World Health Day**

**10<sup>th</sup> National Sibling Day**

**19<sup>th</sup> PICTURE DAY**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Earth Day**

**26<sup>th</sup> Hug a Friend Day**

**27<sup>th</sup> Administrative Professionals Day**

**28<sup>th</sup> Take our Daughter and Sons to work Day**

**30<sup>th</sup> National Honesty Day**





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# Announcements

## Important Info!

We are officially in the Spring Season.

Dress your child accordingly and please be sure to update your child's cubby bin. Keep In mind that Students go outside daily as long as it's between 32 and 92 degrees. If possible, please label your children's belongings. Also, Mittens and gloves should be pinned to your child's coat to avoid them from getting lost.

Parents, Please remember that if your students is not here for more than 2 consecutive days, you will be asked to Provide a Negative PCR Covid Result within 24-48 hours. (Rapid and store-bought kits are not acceptable.)

As the nice weather approaches, we want to remind everyone that we have a no open shoe policy, All students must wear closed shoes that they can easily run in if they had to,

## Review Our Center!

We ask that all our families take the time to review our center! Scan the code and it will take you directly where you need to go!



## REMINDERS!

Please Don't forget that payments must be made on the 1st & 15th of every month. On the first you either pay full tuition, or half of the tuition. If you pay only half on the 1st, you have until the 15th to pay the other half. Late fees will be applied for no payments after the first and also to unpaid balances after the 15th .

Please do not forget that due to the Pandemic, our center closes promptly at 5PM. Any time after that, families get charged \$15 every 10 minutes. Don't forget to fill out the CrisisGo questionnaire at home, before dropping off your child. Teachers are ready to scan and re-take temperature.

Please be sure your child comes to school Wearing a mask and please be sure your child has two extra masks in their bin at all times.

**PROCARE ENGAGEMENT PROVIDES ALL THE SOURCES TO BE UP TO DATE WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON IN OUR CENTER. This includes Paying through the app, receiving documents, receiving important updates, communicating with teachers, and so much more. ASK us about ProCare Engagement!**





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# WOYC

## 2022

### *“Step It Up”*

The 2022 theme of the Week of the Young Child is ‘Step It Up’. “NAEYC is asking its members, centers, higher ed programs, and everyone else in the early education community to [Step It Up \(SIU\)](#) during WOYC.” (naeyc.org)

Ideas to Celebrate the Week of the Young Child 2022

#### April 4: Music Monday

It’s time to celebrate with music! Music allows children to develop their language and early literacy skills while being active and having fun. Celebrate music Monday by:

- Making up a song: Have your children learn a new song or make up their own!
- Learning a dance: Teach your kids a new dance to a fun song. [Here’s an example.](#)
- [Creating instruments](#): Let the kids show their creativity by making their own instruments through common household objects.
- Host a virtual performance: Have your kids sing along to their favorite songs or invite a musician to do a virtual performance.

#### April 5: Tasty Tuesday

Enjoy Tasty Tuesday with some fun activities and delicious foods. Be sure to encourage healthy nutrition and fitness habits throughout the day!

- [Create a healthy recipe](#): Try making a simple fruit salad or turning fruit into ice cream with the kids.
  - Have a themed lunch or breakfast: This could be something like Taco Tuesday or smoothie day.
- Create a cookbook with family recipes: Have your kids bring in one of their family’s favorite recipes. Add these to a book and keep it as a class copy or make copies for each child to take home.
  - Have a picnic: If the weather permits, take lunch outside and have a picnic!





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### April 6: Work Together Wednesday

Working together helps children improve their social skills, learn new things, and feel accomplished. Here are ways you can celebrate Work Together Wednesday:

- Build a fort: Use materials outside or from around your classroom to build a fort with your children.
- Host team activities: Have the kids play different games on teams so they can work together. These could be games such as kickball, relay races, capture the flag, hide-and-seek, an obstacle course, etc.
- Help the community: Have your kids write cards to the elderly or help pack up lunches/goodie bags for shelters in need.

### April 7: Artsy Thursday

Allow children to express their creativity through fun activities on Artsy Thursday!

- Create a sensory bin: Rice, kinetic sand, playdough, etc. are great for sensory play. [Here are some more ideas for creating a sensory bin.](#)
- Have arts and crafts time: Use these fun and simple [art activities for preschoolers](#) during arts and crafts time.
- Play dress up: Have your kids dress up in crazy clothes and costumes for a fashion show!
- Tie-Dye shirts, socks, or hats: Tie-dye is a fun and easy activity for kids. Have them bring in a white shirt or provide one to them. Allow them to tie their shirt in fun ways, cover it in crazy colors, and see their new creation!
- Play with chalk: Cover the sidewalks at your school with chalk, blow bubbles, play hopscotch, and take advantage of the outdoors!

### April 8: Family Friday

End your celebration of the Week of the Young Child through meaningful activities.

- Create a family tree: Have kids make a family tree [using a template like this.](#)
  - Make a collage of family photos: Have children bring in copies of family photos to make a collage or have them draw a family portrait.
  - Draw a picture for family members: Carve out some arts and crafts time so your kids can make a drawing for their family.
  - Send cards to family members: Have your kids draw on and sign cards that they can send to family members, especially if they live far away.
  - Encourage quality family time: Encourage families to spend time together through a family dinner, movie night, game night, etc.
- We encourage you to celebrate the Week of the Young Child using these ideas to take time and recognize the importance of Early Childhood Education. For more information on the Week of the Young Child and to see the full toolkit, [click here.](#)

# Tips and Ideas for Home



## 7 Words Of Affirmation You Should Speak To Your Child

We have repeatedly heard of daily affirmations. The short catch words that are often used to give a positive feeling or outlook in our daily lives.

Our current beliefs have been shaped by the things surrounding us, either good or bad. It could be from the media, magazines, social media and people around us. It is therefore the duty of parents to cultivate a good and nurturing surrounding for their children early enough.

Words are a very strong tool in the character development of your child. Children believe everything they are told. Therefore, words can make or break them. These words can also be used on your child by teaching them a culture of repeating these phrases to support the flourishing of their self-esteem and self-belief.

As a parent, there is need to make personalized affirmations that your child directly relates to. This could be done with the use of positive words in the present tense and making it brief and definite. Affirmations can be said at any given time but not exceedingly to maintain their purpose and meaning.

Be sure not to use 'but' in your affirmations to avoid taking away the message you want to relay in the affirmation. An effortless way to do this would be to draw inspiration from your child's current negative thoughts and recreate the opposite positive affirmations from them.

There are various other ways to affirm your child without the use of affirmations. These ways include being mindful of their needs, having and spending quality time with them, songs, actions, body language, gifts and touch.

# Tips and Ideas for Home



Here are some of the affirmations you could speak to your child.

## **1. You are beautiful/ handsome.**

This affirmation speaks to the physical appearance of your child. Whenever they are in front of a mirror these are the words that they remember which in turn improves the child's self-esteem.

## **2. I love being your parent.**

This affirmation assures the child that they are not a burden to you as a parent. They feel wanted and loved.

## **3. You do a great job/ I am proud of you.**

Encouraging your child gives them a boost in their confidence that they will always strive to do the best.

## **4. It is okay to make mistakes.**

This comes in handy when a child beats themselves up after a mistake. It assures them that it is okay to make mistakes.

## **5. I love you.**

The child feels loved thereby boosting their self-worth.

## **6. I believe in you.**

The child is not afraid to try on challenges because you believe in them.

## **7. I appreciate you.**

This affirmation speaks thankfulness to the child.

As an adult, the feeling you get from appreciation, encouragement, words of love are the same feelings children get when words of affirmation are spoken to them. Nurturing your child by speaking words of affirmation to them regularly brings up children that have literacy skills, high self-esteem and self-worth that is unshaken. It also gives them confidence and the ability to build and maintain strong relationships.





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## KOALAS (5 Year Olds)

Happy Spring Families!

Our class had a wonderful month of learning! In the month of March, the students studied patterns, matching, sorting, shapes and sizes. We also celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday by reading his books and talking about how those books help children learn to read. Some activities we explored were; finding a missing shoe for matching and pairing rhyming words together. We had a great month of learning, and we can't wait to see what next month brings!

For the month of April, we will be learning some new and exciting themes! The children will be celebrating NAEYC's Week of the Young Child! This is a fun-filled week with great activities! We will also be celebrating Mother Earth! We will have discussions about how we can take care of our earth and make it a better place for the future! Finally, the children will discover what planting is and what clouds are.

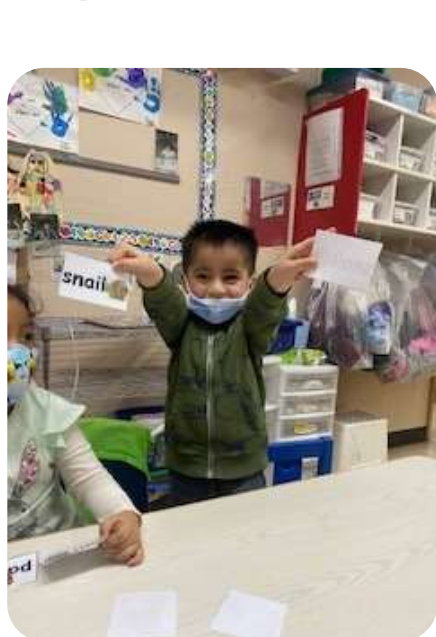
Parents: Picture Day is April 19th! Please be sure to have your child dressed in their best! They will be taking graduation photos if they are graduating from TTDC!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Karla at 773-622-9433 ext. 27 Koalas Classroom, [karla@toddertownchicago.com](mailto:karla@toddertownchicago.com) or message us through the ProCare App.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach me through email at [megan@toddertownchicago.com](mailto:megan@toddertownchicago.com)



Thank You,  
Mrs. Megan & Ms. Karla



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## THE BEARS (4-5 Year Olds)

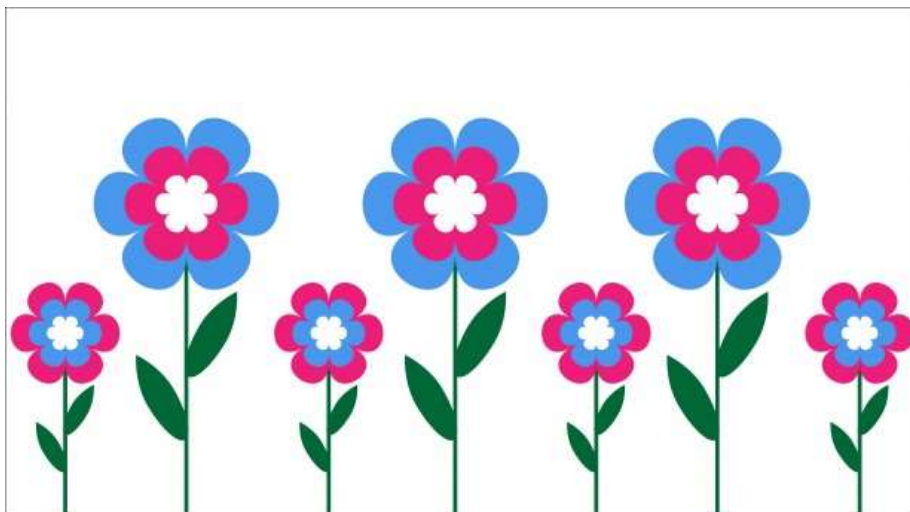
Dear Bears Families,

We regret to inform you that Ms. Taga has decided to leave the Toddler Town Company. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors!

Your children have transferred to Mrs. Megan's classroom temporarily until we find another teacher for the classroom. It may be a while, but they are in the best of care and education. I will do the best that I can with your child's daily updates, observations and lesson plans. I have the highest confidence with this group that they will be able to adjust and thrive!

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at 773-622-9433 Ext 27 Koalas, in the ProCare app and/or [megan@toddlertownchicago.com](mailto:megan@toddlertownchicago.com)

Thank you,  
Mrs. Megan



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## THE EXPLORERS (3-4 Year Olds)

Hello Families,

Our class had a great month of learning! The children learned about shapes, sizes, patterns, sorting and matching. We also celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday! There were so awesome activities we did like finding the matching rhyming words for Dr. Seuss's birthday week.

March was great and we can't wait to see what April will bring!

In April, the children will be exploring new and exciting themes! The children will be learning about plants, seeds, the planet Earth and clouds. The children will also be celebrating NAEYC's Week of the Young Child which is a great week celebrating children and how fantastic they are! There will be some fun activities planned for these themes like the dentist van visiting our center.



Parents: please be sure to update your child's cubbies with new clothes.



If you have any questions, please feel free to call us

at 773-622-9433 Ext 25 or via email at: [cintya@toddlertownchicago.com](mailto:cintya@toddlertownchicago.com) Once again thank you for all your support!



Ms. Cintya



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## BUTTERFLIES (3 Year Olds)

Hello Families!

Who's got Spring Fever?!?! I know our class does! We are so excited to see what spring will bring next month. We had a great month of March! The children explored different themes like rhyming words for Dr. Seuss's Birthday, patterns, matching, sorting, shapes, and sizes. The children had a great time discovering these themes and their activities!

For the month of April, there is going to be a lot of surprises in-store! The children will be learning about clouds, plants, seeds and the planet we live on and how we can take care of it. The school will be celebrating NAEYC's Week of the Young Child with daily activities for the children! Be on the lookout for our flyer!



**Thank you in advance for your collaboration!**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 773-622-9433 EXT 23



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-Ms. Nataly and Ms. Irene



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## TOUCANS (2 Year Olds)

Hi Parents!

Our Toucans are doing fantastic this month! During the month of March, the children learned about; patterns, sorting, shapes and matching! We also read different books by Dr. Seuss! March also gave some beautiful days to play outside! We had a great month, and we can't wait to see what next month will bring!

April is going to be an exciting month! Our children will be learning about plants, seeds, clouds and the earth. We might even grow our own baby plants! Please keep an eye out for our school's NAEYC's Week of the Young Child celebration flyer!

Thank You,

Ms. Fatima & Ms. Yvonne

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