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April



2023

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:

7th GOOD FRIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

1st – 7th –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)

Here are some Special Dates to remember:

- 7th -World Health Day
- 10th National Sibling Day
- 19th Humorous Day
- 22nd Earth Day
- 26th Hug a Friend Day
- 27th Administrative Professionals Day
- 28th Take our Daughter and Sons to work Day
- 30th National Honesty Day





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Announcements

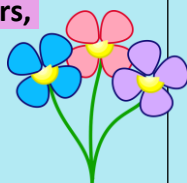
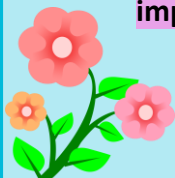
Important Info

IT IS OFFICIALLY SPRING and the cold weather is finally leaving us! Please 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.

At Toddler Town Daycare, outside/home food and outside/home toys are not allowed or permitted at our center. Please keep home toys at home or in your vehicle, and, if you want your child to eat food outside our center, please have your child finish it in the car, but do not take it further in the school, or it will be tossed out. Also, cups allowed in the center are only cups that have water or that are empty, if you bring a cup or bottle containing anything else, we will send it back home. Please refer to your Toddler Town Parent policy handbook regarding these rules.

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!



Reminders

Toddler Town Too closes promptly at 5PM. Any time after that, families get charged \$15 every 10 minutes.

Tuition

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 to unpaid balances after the 15th .

Payment Reminders for April 2023:

April 4th, 2023

Payment Option One: Pay in Full

Payment Option Two: Pay Half of Tuition Balance

April 15th, 2023

*All balances must be fully paid in order to avoid any interruption during Drop off. *



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WOYC

"Step It Up"

NAEYC invites you to celebrate and shine a spotlight on your classroom, advocacy, and family engagement activities via our social channels. We can't wait to see all the creative ways you recognize the importance of community and give hope to our children during what are uneasy times.

Again this year, NAEYC asks its members, centers, higher ed programs, and everyone else in the early education community to [Step It Up \(SIU\)](#) during WOYC®. We've kept the same daily themes, but we challenged YOU to expand them! Congratulations on spreading the word about the importance of high-quality early learning, and the critical role early childhood educators play in a child's development and learning.



Ideas to Celebrate the Week of the Young Child 2023

April 10: 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 11: Toothy Tuesday

Students will study the importance of having healthy teeth.





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April 5: Work Together Wednesday or Walk-a-thon 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.

Weather pending. The children will either walk around the neighborhood to help raise awareness for childhood cancer..

April 6: Tasty Thursday

Enjoy Tasty Thursday 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!

April 7: 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](#).



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Highlights of the Month Of March 2023!





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Tips and Ideas for Home

As news media has mentioned, there has been an increase of cases all over. This year is the worse with the amount of strep throat cases reported.

With that being said, we want to give everyone a list of symptoms to look out for. If your child has any of the symptoms in the list, your child will be sent home and we will require a Dr. Note. If you see the symptoms at home, please keep child home, and take your child to the doctor. Your child will need a Dr. Note in order to return to school that states they are cleared and NOT CONTAGIOUS.

Before providing the symptoms, we want to comfort everyone by letting you all know that teachers are taking precautions as well. Children who are showing signs will be masked immediately and parents will be notified immediately. Teachers are also doing deep cleaning and disinfecting all classrooms, toys and materials. This is done already but sanitizing/cleaning will be increased due to the nature of what is going on with all reports given through the city and news outlets.

Strep throat is A bacterial infection that may cause a sore, scratchy throat.

The infection is generally transmitted by direct contact with the mucus or sores of someone else with strep.

- Very common, more than 3 million US cases per year
- Spreads in various ways
- Treatable by a medical professional
- Requires a medical diagnosis
- Lab tests or imaging often required
- Short-term: resolves within days to weeks



Tips and Ideas for Home

Common symptoms may include:

- Fever.
- Pain when swallowing.
- Sore throat that can start very quickly and may look red.
- Red and swollen tonsils.
- White patches or streaks of pus on the tonsils.
- Tiny, red spots on the roof of the mouth, called petechiae (pronounced pi-TEE-kee-eye)
- Swollen lymph nodes in the front of the neck.

strep throat stages

Strep throat infection

- Throat pain that usually comes on quickly.
- Painful swallowing.
- Red and swollen tonsils, sometimes with white patches or streaks of pus.
- Tiny red spots on the area at the back of the roof of the mouth (soft or hard palate)
- Swollen, tender lymph nodes in your neck.
- Fever.
- Headache.
- Rash.



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Koalas (5 Year Old's)

Happy Spring Families!

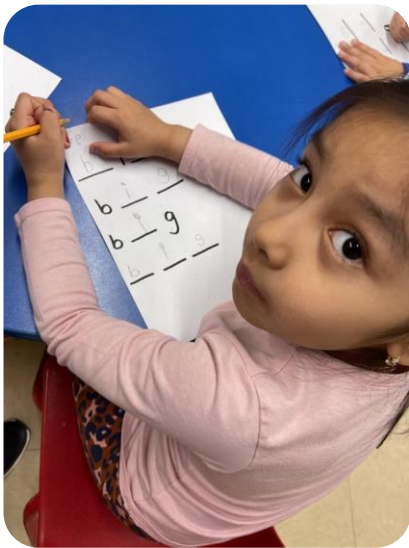
Our children had a fantastic month of learning! The children learned about rhyming words, Dr. Seuss books, patterns, sorting, matching, shapes, and sizes. We also learned 4 new sight words; BIG, IN, FOR, and WE. We studied these words by practicing spelling, writing and reading them. We had fun projects with these themes like Green Eggs and Ham matching rhyming words. 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 soaring to new heights with learning! The children will learn about clouds, the earth, seeds and plants. We will have fun projects with these themes like growing a flower in a cup. We will also be celebrating our NAEYC Week of the Young Child. Please be on the lookout for a flyer with all the info you will need for this fun event!

Graduation Class of 2023: Please be on the lookout for information that you will need to know about Graduation.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at 773-622-9433 ext. 27 KOALAS or

megan@toddlertownchicago.com

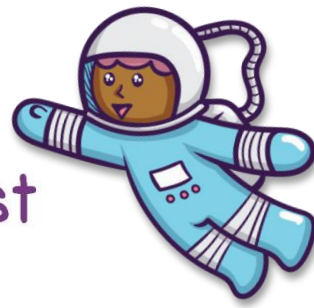
Thank you,
Mrs. Megan and Ms. Karla



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The Explorers (3 to 4 Year Old's)

Hello families,

During the month of March, the children learned about Dr. Seuss's books, rhyming words, patterns, shapes, sizes, matching and sorting. We had fun crafts which included creating paper eggs with sparkles.

The children did a wonderful job on their writing as well. We had a great month of learning, and we are excited for what is to come.

For the month of April, we will study plants, seeds, clouds, and the earth. We will have great crafts and projects such as making cloud bread as a class. We will continue our writing skills and learning our letters and numbers.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at 773-622-9433 ext 25, EXPLORERS or aracely@toddlertownchicago.com

Thank You,
Ms. Aracely





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The Bumblebees (3-year-olds)

Hello families,

During March, our kids had a wonderful time learning about rhyming words, Sorting and matching, shapes and sizes, and patterns! We had some awesome projects that were created like making a rainbow for St. Patrick's Day. We had a wonderful month of learning and watching the seasons change from winter to spring!

For the month of April, we are going to introduce Earth week, plants, clouds and we will be celebrating NAEYC'S Week of the Young Child. Be on the lookout for a flyer about how we will celebrate NAEYC'S WOYC. There will also be fun projects and crafts with these themes such as creating a cloud in a jar.

Also friendly reminder to please check your child's cubby to see if they need to exchange clothes from winter to spring!

If you have any questions please call 773-622-9433 ext 24 or nataly@toddlertownchicago.com
Thank you!

Mrs. Nataly



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The Butterflies (3 Year Old's)

Hello April! 😊

Our Butterflies class had lots of fun in the month of March. The children learned about Rhyming words, Sorting and matching, Shapes and sizes, and lastly patterns. We have also been working on our writing skills in the butterfly's classroom to improve our fine motors skills! We did a lot of crafting for the month of March for Saint Patrick's Day week.

For the month of April, we will be learning about plants, clouds, and earth week. There will be fun activities with these lesson plans. We will also be celebrating NAEYC WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD, which will be a fun-filled week with plenty of activities and crafts.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact us at 773-622-9433 ext. 23 Butterflies or selena@toddlertownchicago.com or yvonne@toddlertownchicago.com

Thank You,
Ms. Selena and Ms. Yvonne



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Toucans (2 Year Old's)

Hello, families, and welcome to April showers!

I am happy to welcome a new month and the excitement for springtime!

For the month of March, the children enjoyed reading Dr. Seuss books, sorting and matching items, shapes and sizes, and how to create patterns. The children also liked making St. Patrick's Day crafts using fine motor skills to color and decorate their four-leaf clover. We had a wonderful month of learning, and we can't wait to see what next month will bring.

For April, we will be welcoming all things spring! The children will learn about the earth, clouds, plants, and seeds. There will be fun projects with these themes like an earth day collage. The children will gather various items from nature to glue on to a poster such as leaves and twigs. Also, we will be celebrating NAEYC Week of Young Child. More information on this will be sent out 2 weeks before the events.

We are excited to see what the season will bring! With this in mind, please be sure to update your child's cubby with new clothes and shoes that are seasonally appropriate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 773-622-9433 ext. 22. Toucans or Marta@toddlertownchicago.com or Liz@toddlertownchicago.com

Thank you,

Ms. Marta and Ms. Liz



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