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# April



# 2024

## 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. Patterns, Sorting and Matching
4. Plants and Seeds
5. Clouds and Rain

Here are some Special Dates to remember:

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<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]

5<sup>th</sup>- Pizza Day

15<sup>th</sup> – Dental Van Returning

16<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day!

Here are some Dates to remember:

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

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

19<sup>th</sup> Humorous 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

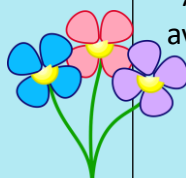
## Important Info

**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 2024:

#### April 1<sup>st</sup> , 2024

Payment Option One: Pay in Full

Payment Option Two: Pay Half of Tuition Balance

#### April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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



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# WOYC

## “Step it up-Whereas & Therefore”

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 2024

### April 6: Music Monday

#### “Join the Chorus for change”

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 7: Tasty Tuesday

#### “Early Childhood Educators Deserve a thriving Wahe”

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 8: Work Together Wednesday

#### “Learn together work together, Build together.”

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 9: Artsy Thursday

#### “Together, we can paint an equitable future”

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 10: Family Friday

#### “Powerful Partnerships”

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.](#)



# Highlights of the Month Of March 2024!







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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 Days!

Our children have blossomed with their learning this season! The children have accomplished so much this month, and we are very proud of all their hard work. The children worked on various math concepts like patterns, sorting, matching, shapes and sizes, while also learning about rhyming words. Along with these lessons, the children studied the following sight words; WE, BIG, FOR, and RUN. We had a great month of learning, and we can't wait to see what next month will bring!

For the month of April, the children will learn so many new themes! We will learn about the life cycle of the plant, different kinds of weather, celebrating Earth Week and NAEYC Week of the Young Child. They will also have fun activities like a recycle materials project and growing a plant. The children will continue with their sight words lessons as we focus on LOOK, PLAY, DOWN, JUMP, and ME. They will practice writing, reading and spelling the words each week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 773-622-9433 ext. 27 KOALAS or [megan@toddlertownchicago.com](mailto:megan@toddlertownchicago.com)

Thank you,  
Mrs. Megan and Ms. Karla

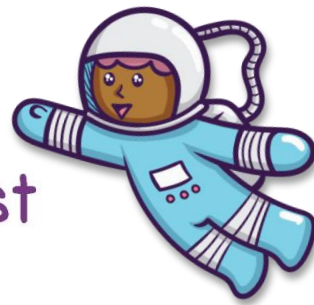


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## The Explorers (3 to 4 Year Old's)

Hello Explorers Family!

I hope you have enjoyed a month full of activities and projects.

In the month of March, we continued our lessons on recognizing and writing letters and numbers while also learning about the topics from the month, including Rhyming Words, Sorting & Matching, Shapes & Sizes, and Patterns. The class participated in our March project where they created their own ABC Book.

The project not only helped us a lot to recognize the letters in their name and the alphabet, but it also provided an opportunity for parents to spend time with their little one while creating the book together.

April is going to be a very nice month full of activities and colors. We will explore topics about the Earth, Plants and their Life Cycle, and the most anticipated, NAEYC Week of the Young Child! We will have many activities in the classroom including breakfast with parents and different projects. We will also continue to work on recognizing letters and numbers that will improve writing, we will focus more on writing their name and the pronunciation of each letter.

Don't forget to check your cubby to see if your child has enough extra clothes. Every Friday I will send homework, please bring it back on Monday. With Spring weather upon us, please be sure to pack a reuseable water bottle each day.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at 773-622-9433 ext 25, EXPLORERS or [aracely@toddlerstownchicago.com](mailto:aracely@toddlerstownchicago.com)

Thank You,  
Ms. Aracely



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## The Bumblebees (3-year-olds)

Hola Hola Familias!

I hope you guys are excited about spring because we sure are! We are thrilled to have more outdoor activities! With this in mind, please make sure your child has extra clothes for the new season.

Now let's move on with our March recap! As many of you have noticed, we have new friends in our classroom. To help our new friends feel comfortable we reviewed our classroom rules and routine. We also took a moment during circle time to introduce our new friends and share our likes and dislikes. In addition to our learning, the Bumblebees practiced their sorting and matching abilities by matching colorful socks and patterns. To make our learning fun the Bumblebees decided to be creative and use magnetic shapes to create cars! As you can tell we enjoyed our March themes!

With April's arrival, our kiddos will get their hands dirty by learning about the different types of soil and Pothos (Type of plant)! Our kiddos will get to watch closely how one simple leaf can grow roots and eventually use soil to plant our Potho. April will be all about hands-on activities and drawing our observations!

Please stay tuned with Procure to see all the fun our kiddos will have with spring's arrival! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at ext. 24 or email me at [Nataly@toddlerstownchicago.com](mailto:Nataly@toddlerstownchicago.com).



Thank you

Mrs. Nataly



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## The Butterflies (3 Year Old's)

Hello Butterflies Families,

Springtime is here, and we are welcoming the new month and season by preparing students for the beautiful April showers that are upon us.

Children have had a great month learning about various mathematical concepts, such as Shapes & Sizes, Patterns, and Sorting & Matching. We started our month learning about Dr. Suess and celebrating his birthday, this topic was great because it brought us into our Rhyming Words topic. We also enjoyed our Spring celebration with a small party to close out a short week! The center also had a visit from the Humboldt Park Dental Van, where the students got dental exams!

The Butterflies experienced so many new development experiences through learning the different mathematical concepts, rhyming words, and so much more. We watched our friends grow and blossom so much this month, just in time for Spring! April is going to bring us so many new experiences, like welcoming parents into the classroom for a Brunchin' with your Munchkin and new topics to explore!

If you have any questions, you can always reach out via email ([yvonne@toddlertownchicago.com](mailto:yvonne@toddlertownchicago.com) or [selena@toddlertownchicago.com](mailto:selena@toddlertownchicago.com)), phone at ext. 23, or through the ProCare app!

Thank you,  
Ms. Yvonne and Ms. Selena



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## Toucans (2 Year Old's)

Hello Families!

Spring has finally sprung, and we are so excited! Our Toucans love being able to get back outside when the weather lets us. Please continue to dress your child accordingly for those spontaneous neighborhood nature walks or playground visits.

During March our friends were introduced to new math concepts like Matching & Sorting, Shapes & Sizes, and Patterns. We also explored Rhyming Words through new stories and songs. Our class also hosted our very first Spring Party event where we dyed eggs, did crafts, and enjoyed yummy treats!

We will be starting April with NAEYC week of the Young Child where we will be hosting our first Brunchin' with your Munchkin on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. The Toucans will also be exploring new topics like the Life Cycle of Plants, Weather, and Earth Week where we will be having a fun Spirit Week so keep an eye out for details!

We are so excited to continue making new memories with your littles and you each day! Please stay in touch with classroom updates through checking the ProCare App daily. Everything you need to know will always be posted! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out via email ([liz@toddlertownchicago.com](mailto:liz@toddlertownchicago.com) & [marta@toddlertownchicago.com](mailto:marta@toddlertownchicago.com)) or via phone at extension 22.



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