

2024

### Where Your Child Always Comes First

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



Hello Toddler Town Families & WELCOME to MAY! The month of

#### **CHANGES!**

Mays theme Is: Magnificent May During the month Of May, we will be discussing the following:

Magnificent Mom
 Nature
 Weather
 Community Helpers
 Transportation



Here are some Special Dates to remember:

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>-10<sup>TH</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>- Mother's Dayl 27<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day 5<sup>th</sup> Cinco De Mayo

Monthly Observance and Celebration

Mental Health Awareness Month
National Pet Month

Physical Fitness Month







Announcement

Important Info

IT IS OFFICIALLY SPRING, and the cold weather is finally leaving us, but still lingering around! 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!

# <u>Reminders</u>

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



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 May 2024:

#### REMINDER: There are 5 weeks in May!

#### <u> May 1<sup>st</sup> , 2024</u>

Payment Option One: Pay in Full Payment Option Two: Pay Half of Tuition Balance

#### <u>May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024</u>

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







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As each new season arises, the elements of the weather and the traditions of the season leave us with different safety precautions and tips to consider. Although it may seem that the greater risks are behind us as we move away from the potentially dangerous weather we had faced in winter, spring has its own set of conditions to consider, In this article, you'll discover our 14 point spring safety tips and best practices.

## **General Safety Tips**

General safety is the first thing to consider heading into spring. Here are some great spring safety tips to keep yourself and your family safe as your transition into the new season:

- Removing any old paint cans and paint thinners, in addition to old newspapers and magazines. Your local dump station should have a place for hazardous material drop off to dispose of these chemicals safely.
- Consider your smoke alarms. Do you have enough in your residence or workplace? Change the batteries each spring to be sure you are properly prepared for an emergency.
- Clean the dust covers of carbon monoxide detectors.
- Review your <u>emergency escape plan</u> with each member of the family in the event of a fire.
- Clean or replace your furnace filter.
- Grease can accumulate on your stove hood. Properly cleaning this is one way to keep flames from spreading should a fire break out.
- Check all fire extinguisher needle indicators and dates to be sure they are working.
- Clean around your dryer. Pay close attention to any ducts or dampers to be sure that lint has not accumulated and blocked this space. Accumulation of lint can lead to a fire.
- Check all chords to prevent an electrical fire. Make sure they are not frayed and wires are not visible.





## **Outdoor Safety Tips**

It is also important to have an outdoor emergency plan for your family.

•Practice ladder safety. If you plan on climbing a ladder, you should do so accompanied by someone who can help in the event of an emergency. Be sure ladders are placed on level spaces and they have been secured.

•Check outdoor cords for frays and damage.

•Check any gas-operated equipment to be sure all fuel lines are safe.

•Do not store gasoline in an open space. Be sure all equipment used for lawn equipment and outdoor purposes has been properly fueled outdoors to eliminate the risk of inhalation.

•Keep all dangerous options liquids or chemicals from children, especially those that can become flammable.

Although you might not have considered following these Spring emergency procedures, they are important to the safety of your family. Talk to your <u>local emergency</u> personnel about what steps you can take to prevent any potential emergencies from arising.

Reference: Spring Safety Tips | 14 Point Spring Safety Checklist 2020 | Seymour EMS



# Koalas (5 Year Old's)

#### Hello families!

Our children had a wonderful month of learning. During the month of April, the children learned about plant life, the environment on the earth, how to take care of our earth, and different kinds of weather. We also celebrated NAEYC's Week of the Young Child with great activities like Music Monday and Brunching with Your Munchkin. We are off to a great start with Graduation Practice. We had a fantastic month, and we can't wait to see what next month will bring.

The month of May will not only bring new flowers but new learning! In May, our children will be learning about community helpers, careers, transportation, and farm animals. We will have fun activities associated with these themes like fire fighter experience where the children will spray pretend cardboard fire with a spray bottle. Parents: please be on the lookout for a formal graduation letter with information about your child's big day! 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 Explorers Families,

I hope you all enjoyed April, as it was full of so many new experiences, projects, and sharing with our children. In April, we worked a lot on recognizing and writing letters and numbers and on how to share and use our words to express what we feel.

We learned about our planet and how to take care of it through discussing topics about how to recycle and the importance of taking care of plants.

We talked about important topics like the plant life cycle, the parts of plants and how some bear fruit. To go along with our plant topic, we created a small garden and flowers so the class can experience big and different things.

May is a very beautiful month full of new activities and so many colors as Spring is in full bloom. We will talk about climate and work with various projects, and on the most anticipated day we will celebrate mom with many activities. We will also learn about transportation and its benefits. We will also talk and learn about farm animals. We will continue to have daily review of letters and numbers.

Don't forget to check your child's cubby to see if they have enough extra clothes. Now that the good weather is starting, we are going to the playground and on nature walks, please bring a reusable water bottle and please put comfortable closed-toed shoes on your child.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at 773-622-9433 Ext 25, EXPLORERS or



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Thank You, Ms. Aracely







The Bumblebees (3-year-olds)







Hello May, the most colorful month of all

Our favorite season is coming... Summer! Almost there so let's get prepared by bringing weather-appropriate clothes and reusable water bottles! Before we start with our cool themes for May, let's quickly recap the fun activities we did in April. During this time, our Bumblebees explored soil texture by playing with mud and creating fun muddy crafts. We also learned about pothos by seeing roots grow in water and putting our plant into the soil. Let's also not forget about Brunchin' with your Munchkin, what a day that was! We had so much fun learning about each other and interacting with our kiddos! Overall, April has been fun! But not as fun as May activities coming up!

In May our kiddos are going to be creating crafts for our special grown-ups, learning about careers, and the importance of keeping our environment clean by cleaning the outside of our school. Our kiddos are also going to learn about transportation and farm animals. Please stay tuned with Procare to see all the fun our kiddos will have with Spring's arrival!

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



Mrs. Nataly







Beautiful May, here we are! Beautiful sunshine and fun activities are here, but we are also saying goodbye to April showers.

April was a fantastic month, full of showers and fun planting activities. Our kiddos were able to get their hands dirty and plant sunflower seeds, and they have grown beautifully. They also learned about the plant cycle, allowing them to see the process of planting their flowers. The children also had a great experience discussing the weather and how we can keep our Earth clean and healthy by recycling different materials. It was a very scientific April, and we debated plants and our planet Earth.

Now, for May, we will discuss the love for our mothers, aunts, or grandmas, with Mother's Day around the corner. We will also discuss community helpers, careers, transportation methods, and farm animals. This is a great way to get your child to think about what they want to be when they grow up.

Please be sure to check your child's cubby and ensure they have weather appropriate clothing, every cubby should contain two bottoms, two tops, extra underwear, and socks.

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









## **Toucans (2 Year Old's)**

Hello Families,

Spring has officially sprung in the Toucans classroom! We have been spending more time outside, enjoying the fresh air. During April, we explored so many fun topics including the Plant Life Cycle and Weather. We explored Earth Week in a two weeklong topic where we also celebrated Earth Day with Spirit week! Let's not forget about NAEYC Week of the Young Child where we explored different themed days and welcomed parents/close relatives or friends into our classrooms with a fun Family Brunch!

In May we will continue the Spring fun-tivities with new topics like Community Helpers/Careers, Transportation, and Farm Animals. We will also spend a week dedicated to the Magnificent Moms in our TTDC Family with a special Toucans Muffins with Mom the Friday before Mother's Day (keep an eye for more information). We will also be celebrating our TTDC Teachers and Staff during Teachers Appreciation Week from May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup>. We have been working hard in the Toucans classroom to bring more memorable moments with our students and their families through family events, spirit weeks, and more. If you have any ideas you would like to share for us to continue creating those moments with your child please reach out! We would love to hear your thoughts! With the weather changing, please be sure to update your child's cubby with weather appropriate clothing. Every

cubby should have two bottoms, two tops, socks, and underwear (if applicable).

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



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#### Thank you,

#### Ms. Marta and Ms. Liz





