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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:

1st –School Closed (Teacher first Aid CPR training)

15th GOOD FRIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

2nd – 8th –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)

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!

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 .

TODDLER TOWN NOW CLOSSES AT 6PM, STARTING 01/03/2022. Any time after 6PM, 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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SHARKS (5 Year Olds)

Welcome to April!

Our month of March has come to an end! So much was covered with Dr. Seuss books from rhyming to patterns.

In the 1st week of April, we will be celebrating the “Week of the Young Child”. It will be a week of full fun educational activities for our children to enjoy but learn at the same time.

Parents, you will receive an extra flyer with more information about our activities and how you can volunteer. You will also be notified through the ProCare Engagement App.

We will also begin our Pet Study this month. Throughout this unit, students will learn about the types of animals that can be a pet vs the animals that cannot be domesticated. Students will be strengthening a lot of learning objectives this month.

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Or You can reach me at 847-475-1467 Extension 15,

Thank you!

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BUTTERFLIES (4 Year Olds)



Our month of March has come to an end but with much learning with our Dr. Seuss unit. Our unit of study was a great success, students have learned so much from graphing, rhyming, to pattern concepts within these couple of weeks. On the week of April 2nd, we will be celebrating the "Week of the Young Child". A week that we dedicate to our children with different learning activities each day. Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, Family Friday. **Teacher will hand out different activities you can do at home and be part of this highly anticipated celebration.**

Throughout month of April, we will cover these weekly themes: Clouds, Plants, and Recycling.

Note: Weather is getting warmer... and we will be outdoors more often... we encourage all families to bring bottles of water for their children to be stored in cubby and accessible when they are thirsty.

If you all have any questions, please don't hesitate on emailing us either at Carina@toddlertownevanston.com or Robert@toddlertownchicago.com

You can also reach us by phone at (847) 475-1467 Ext.14

Thank you!



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CHIPMUNKS (3 Year Olds)

Hello families!

In the month of March, we focused on letters A-D and numbers 1-5. Children practice their fine motors by tracing and writing our letters and numbers. We also celebrated Dr. Seuss by reading the amazing books he has. Children had a fun and productive month by creating some fun crafts and we got to enjoy the nice weather March gave us.

In the month of April children will be working on recognizing and writing their names. Also, we will be talking about Spring, RRR, Earth Day and we will be celebrating the week of the young child April 4-8th.

Please feel free to reach out to us in the ProCare engagement app if you have any questions or concerns or even some FUN IDEAS! Or call us at 847-475-1467 Ext. 13

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BUMBLEBEES (2 Year Olds)

Spring is here! Hooray!

We are excited for this nice weather.

I'm so glad April is finally here, you know what they say, "April Showers Bring May Flowers." I love the spring and everything that comes along with it, except for ALLERGIES!

During the month of March, in the Bumblebee classroom, we were focusing on language, routine and following directions. Students have improved so much. Students' favorite topic was when I introduced SPRING.

For April, we will continue discussing spring, the changes we will begin to see, RRR and Earth day! How do we take care of the Earth and why? What are some thing we can do to help our Earth. Along with those topics, students will be introduced to matching, sorting and simple patterns.

We Also have some fun activities for the week of young child, which is an annual celebration sponsored by NAEYC. Our theme for this year is "SOMEWHERE OVER THE **RAINBOW**"

We especially want to discuss Family Fun Friday. On Friday, April 5, 2022, Ms. Norma will be set up outside, if the weather permits, in the playground area by our classroom. Parents will have the opportunity to plant their own little bean with their child while Ms. Norma Takes Pictures. Ms. Norma is also asking that all families bring a plant and a pot!

The Bean that the families and Students will be labeled, and they will stay in the classroom. Children will be encouraged to check up on their little bean daily. Students will have to make sure that the cotton ball stays moist for their bean to be able to grow.

Please remember that we go outside everyday so please plan accordingly

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to e-mail me at Norma@toddlertownevanston.com or call us by Phone at 847-475-1467 Ext. 12 or Ext 16.

Thank you all again,

...stay safe, and please continue practicing social distancing!

--Ms. Norma, Ms. Vanessa



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