



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 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.

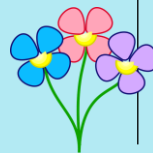
If possible, please label your children's belongings.

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!

SPECIAL REMINDER ABOUT PARKING RULES!

Please be sure there is no double parking, parking opposite direction, blocking alleys and or driveways and no standing in the loading zone longer than 15 minutes. Also, be sure you have your hazards on.



Reminders

Toddler Town Daycare closes promptly at 5:30PM. 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 3: 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 4: 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!





April 5: 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 6: 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 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.](#)



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.

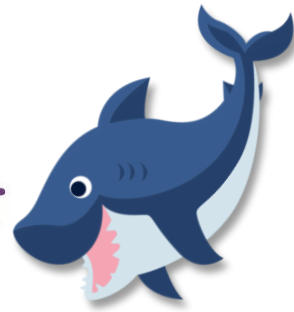
strep throat stages

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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Sharks (3-5 Year Old's)

Welcome to April!

Our month of March has come to an end! So much was covered with Dr. Seuss books from rhyming to patterns. We ended our month with our "All About Colors" unit. This unit was so much fun, the kids really enjoyed it and learned so much from it. They learned their primary and secondary colors.

In the 1st week of April, we will be celebrating the "Week of the Young Child". It will be a week full of 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.

In the month of April, we will focus on our "Trash & Recycling" with the purpose to acknowledge and celebrate our beautiful planet Earth! Earth Day is on April 22. It's a day to remind us to take care of our Earth. We will reflect on our planet, our environment, and learn what we can do to help keep the Earth healthy. With our fun and educational activities children will learn about the three Rs for taking care of our Earth: **Recycle, reuse, and reduce.**

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

Thank you!

Mrs. Maritza and Mrs. Julissa



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Butterflies (3-5 Year Old's)

You sure forget about time when you're having too much fun! Our month of March has come to an end. Our students loved the Dr. Seuss unit with our wonderful selection of our favorite authors books. With these book, students learned so much from patterns, graphing, word recognition, to rhyming. We are so proud of them!

In the week of April 1-7, 2023 "Week of the Young Child", it will be a week full of fun educational activities for our children to enjoy and learn at the same time. Each day we will have a focus such as Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Family Friday. Parents you will receive an extra flyer with more information about our activities and how you can volunteer. After ending our week of the young child, we will start our weather and clothes study.

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

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

Thank you!

Ms. Carina, Ms. Jazmin and Mr. Robert



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Chipmunks (3 Year Old's)

See you later March! And take with you the cold weather!! March was a great month for the Chipmunks class. We learned many things about shapes and sizes, Sorting and Matching, Patterns and more.

We have been exploring the different areas such as:

- Library,
- Dramatic Play,
- Sensory sand play,
- Block Area,
- Writing Table,
- Cutting table,
- Doll House,
- Large Group Area

We are so excited to Welcome Spring and the month of April. Our amazing topics for this month will be, Week of the Young Child (NAEYC), How to take care of our Earth (RRR), Plants and Seeds and Clouds.

Please remember to come take a look inside your child's cubby and take all the projects, dirty clothes and other items that may be there. If you have any questions, please contact us at ext. 13 or email us at Cesar@toddlertownevanston.com or yemina@toddlertownevanston.com

Thank you,

Mr. Cesar and Ms. Yemina



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Bumblebees (2 Year Old's)

Spring is here! Hooray!

We are excited for the 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 but still need lots of work. Students' favorite topic was the introduction to Plants. Students planted their own little bean and have been observing it and discussing it since then.

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? Students will be introduced to matching, sorting and simple patterns. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH WE WILL BE CELEBRATING WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD. Stay tuned on Facebook for all of our posts!

Since students still need work with Routine and directions, using their listening ears and using their words, I will continue to work on this. As you may be noticing, I am rearranging my classroom, and arranging it in a way where learning and routine is easier. If students do not follow routine or directions, its so hard to teach the class. The students have improved since I started, but still need time. It is important that parents stay in communication with me and discuss goals and expectations for your child. Please be aware that reports wont always be perfect, but when getting these reports, don't get discouraged, lets discuss solutions instead of dwelling on the "problem." This will help with any concerns I may have in the classroom.

I will be implementing, with time: Under the Sea library/Cozy Corner, including our new Fish Bumblebee, job/helping board, behavioral charts, social emotional chart and MORE!

Please remember that we go outside everyday so please dress your child accordingly!

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to e-mail me at Norma@toddertownevanston.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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