

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

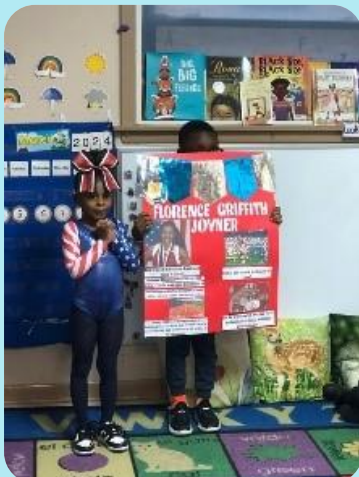
Here are some Special Dates to remember:

6th - 12th -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.

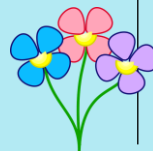
If possible, please label your children's belongings.

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 2024:

April 1st , 2024

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

April 15th, 2024

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



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WOYC

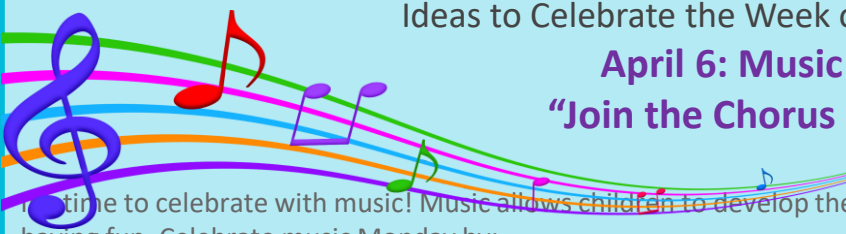
“Step it up-Whereas & Therefore”

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.](#)

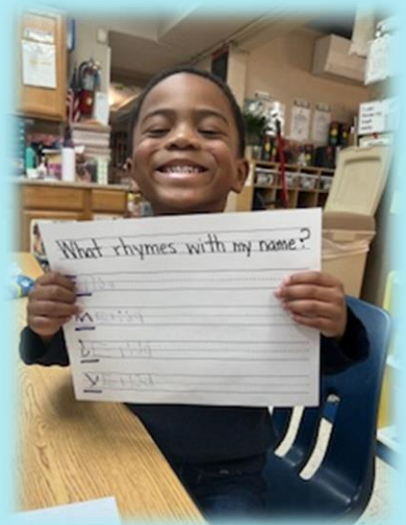
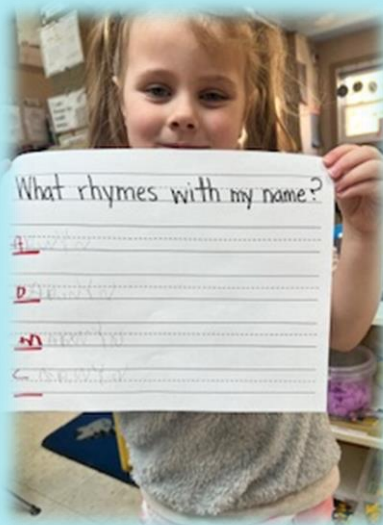
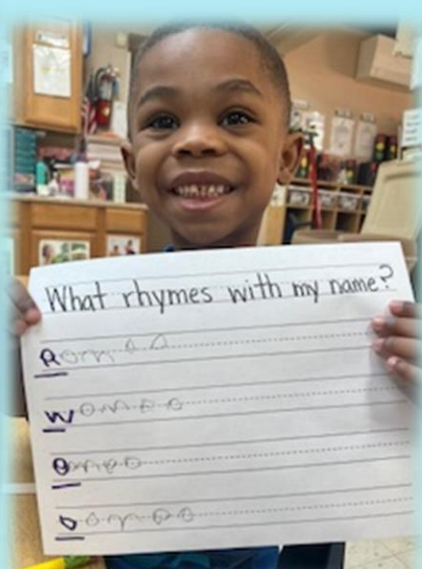
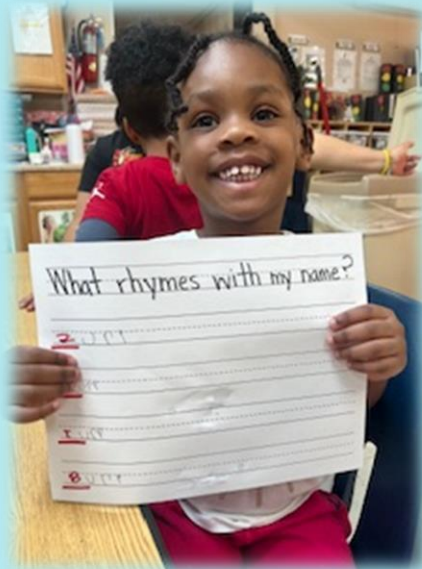


Highlights of the Month Of March 2024!



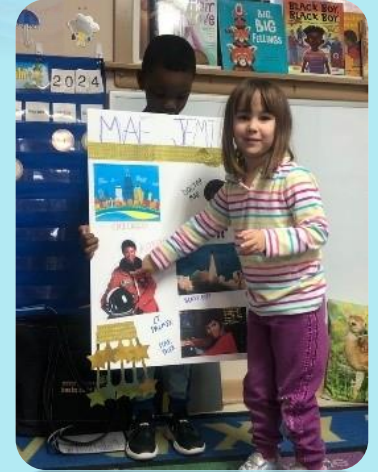


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Tips and Ideas for Home

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.

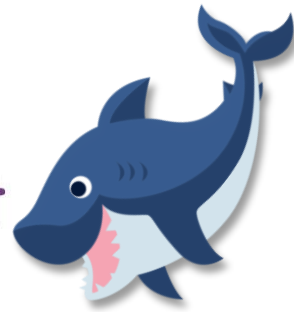
strep throat stages

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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Sharks (3-5 Year Old's)

Welcome to April!

The month of March has come to an end! So much was covered from Dr. Seuss books with fun rhyming words to funky patterns. Our students learned how to make silly rhyming with their names and also enjoyed learning about patterns and having the opportunity of creating their own.

In the first week of April, our classroom will continue learning about Weather. We will learn about the different kinds of weather and its characteristics. Students will be given opportunities to observe and collect data by observing the weather and charting their findings. We encourage you to go outside or look out the window and observe the weather every day. During group discussions, we will talk about what students observed about weather when commuting to school. Ask the following questions at home or when commuting: "What is the weather like, and what do you think should wear?" Students will have a weather journal where they will be encouraged every day to draw and write observations from home to school.

In the 2nd 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 while learning 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.

For remainder 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 about ways we can help keep the Earth healthy. With our fun and educational activities children will learn about the three Rs for taking care of our Earth: **Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.**

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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 so much fun! Our students loved our Black History Month unit from February, where we learned about all the great people that helped shape our beautiful country. We embraced the month of March with lots of luck and colorful rainbows. Our students learned so much about primary colors, secondary colors, and different color hues.

This month is one of our favorite months each year. On the week April 6-12, 2024, we will be celebrating "Week of the Young Child". What is it? The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration that focuses on the importance of early childhood education and the well-being of young children. It aims to raise awareness about the critical role that early learning plays in a child's development. During this week, various activities and events are organized to promote early literacy, health, and social-emotional skills for young children. It's a time to recognize the efforts of educators, families, and communities in supporting the growth and learning of our youngest citizens. More information on how our classroom will be celebrating will be coming soon!

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

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

Thank you!

Ms. Carina, Ms. Rebecca and Mr. Robert



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Chipmunks (3 Year Old's)

Are you ready for Springtime!!! Let's take our favorite raincoat and match them with your favorite rain boots. Last month we talked about so many interesting things such as,

- Rhyming,
- Sorting and Matching,
- Different Shapes and Sizes and
- Patterns.

During the month of April, we will be discussing:

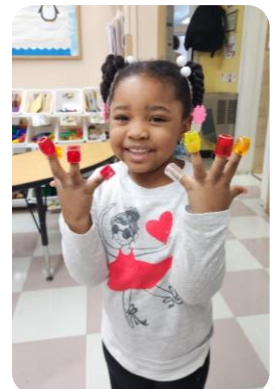
- How to take care of Earth (RRR)
- Week of the Young Child.
- Plants and Seeds
- Clouds

We will also keep learning through games to grow and develop through arts and crafts, tracing lines, coloring, painting, cutting paper, running, jumping, climbing and more.

We keep creating great moments and opportunities for conversations to encourage speech, good habits, and responsibilities. We are so happy to promote your children's language, expression, social emotional skills, listening skills and so much more.

Dear parents, please **do not forget** to look inside your child's cubby, check if we have enough clothes (2 pairs of changing clothes, underwear, etc.), and do not forget to take all the work projects.

If you have any questions, please contact us at ext. 13 or email us at Cesar@toddlertownevanston.com or Prisque@toddlertownevanston.com



Thank you,

Mr. Cesar and Ms. Prisque

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Bumblebees (2 Year Old's)

Spring is here! Hooray!

We 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 also worked a lot on expressions, whether it is through art, music, singing or through play. Students were also introduced to Spring and all that they will begin noticing.

For April, we will continue discussing Spring, the changes we will continue 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. On Earth Day Students' will be introduced to our plant unit. Students will be planting their own little bean and will be observing it, watering it and have discussion about what they observed. I will also be asking all parents to bring in an indoor plant. This will make the plant unit so fun and exciting! Along with the plant, you are all welcome to bring in a gardening tool or something related to plants and gardening!

IMPORTANT: THE SECOND WEEK OF APRIL WE WILL BE CELEBRATING WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD. Stay tuned on Facebook for all of our posts! More details are provided on pages 3 and 4 of our newsletter and I will definitely share more information as the day comes closer.

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 the changes I've implemented, but still need time for adjustment. It is important that parents stay in communication with me and discuss goals and expectations for your child. Please be aware that reports won't 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.

Please remember that we go outside everyday as long as it's between 25 degrees and 90 degrees, so please dress your child accordingly! We are excited for the nice weather!

If you have any questions, comments 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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