

2023

MAY

## 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:

1. Magnificent Mom
2. Nature
3. Weather
4. Community Helpers
5. Transportation

Here are some Special Dates to remember:

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:**

**MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup>**

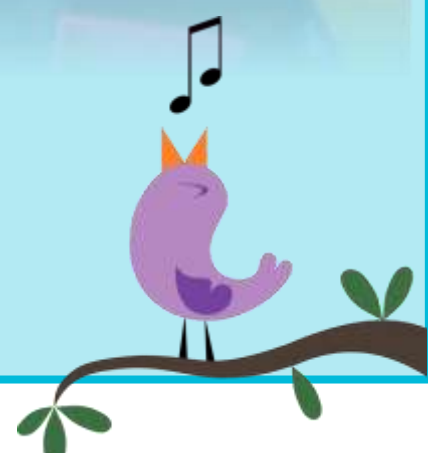
**14<sup>th</sup>- Mother's Day!**

**29<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day- School Closed!**

**5<sup>th</sup> Cinco De Mayo**

### Monthly Observance and Celebration

- Mental Health Awareness Month
- National Pet Month
- Physical Fitness Month





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# Announcements

## 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.

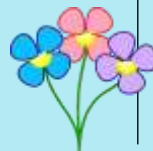
### If possible, please label your children's belongings.

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

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 May 2023:

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

### May 1<sup>st</sup> , 2023

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

### May 15<sup>th</sup> , 2023

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





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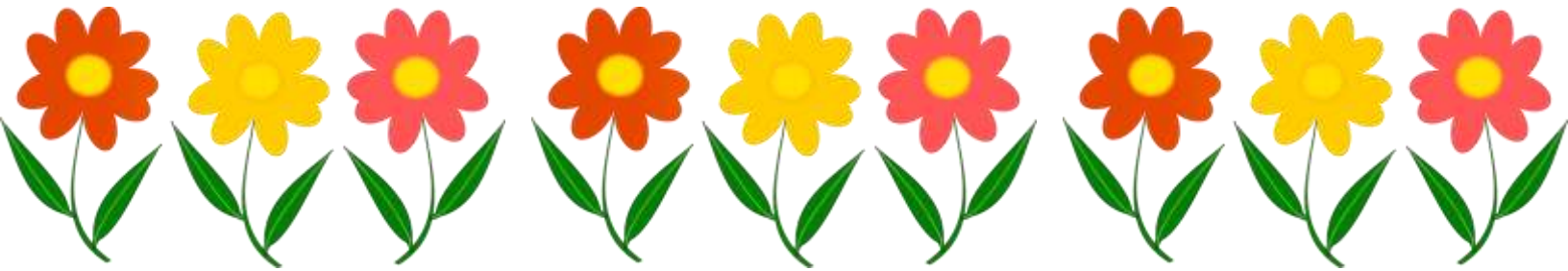
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# Tips and Ideas for Home

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 [emergency escape plan](#) 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.





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# Tips and Ideas for Home

## 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 [local emergency](#) 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](#)





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## Sharks (3-5 Year Old's)

Welcome to the month of May!

Last month, students had so much fun learning “All About Colors” and “All About Trash & Recycle”. It’s very important that our students build knowledge about taking care of our planet Earth!

This month we will jump into our weather unit. This unit is important and so much fun. Weather is part of our daily life and perfect for our students to engage in. For example, as they learn about the weather, kids also learn about measurement, observation, recording data, interpreting data, and more.

We will end our month with our ocean unit! Preschoolers should be able to: [recognize and identify different kinds of common ocean animals](#), share a few details about various ocean creatures, recognize that some animals are large predators (sharks and killer whales) while others are bottom feeders, compare animals that live in the ocean/those that don’t, and understand that the ocean produces over half of the world’s oxygen.

Reminders:

- Don’t forget blankets are taken home every Friday to be washed and brought back on Mondays.
- Do not forget to make sure that your child has extra clothing in their cubby.
- Graduation will be soon! (June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023) Do not forget to look for a summer camp!
- Scholastic Book Club will be every month! (optional)

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Thank you!

Mrs. Maritza and Mrs. Julissa



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## Butterflies (3-5 Year Old's)

“We hope that this month is positively aMAYzing!” We sure enjoyed our NAEYC week with fun activities! Last month we were hands on learning about different types of weather! Making observations about the weather and discussing climate are great ways to teach children about science, especially since weather is something children can easily relate to and understand. We also learned about the importance of loving our planet Earth and keeping it healthy and happy.

With the weather changing, our students noticed a change in our school surroundings. Our students started to notice the leaves on the trees growing as well as our playground surrounding plants. These interests have inspired us to start a gardening unit. We will use children’s questions as the basis of our investigations and learn how to plan and care for our indoor and outdoor garden. We will be using our classroom greenhouse to start on the right track! We are sending out a letter on how parents can help us with this unit. Let’s see if our spring showers will bring us some May flowers!

If you all have any questions, please don’t hesitate on emailing us either at [Carina@toddlertownevanston.com](mailto:Carina@toddlertownevanston.com) or [jaz@toddlertownevanston.com](mailto:jaz@toddlertownevanston.com) or [Robert@toddlertownchicago.com](mailto: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)

It's time to say: "See you later April", It was such an amazing month. During the month of April, we celebrated Easter with our families and teachers. We are going to say, Thank you April, because we learned many things about How to take care of our Planet Earth, Plants, Seeds, and Clouds. During April, we had the honor of celebrating Week of the Young Child (NAEYC), it was the best because we made and Tasted Yummy Yummy healthy Sushi, we worked together painting our beautiful garden, and for artsy Thursday, we painted a huge rainbow! We have been exploring the different areas such as- Library, Dramatic Play, Sensory sand play, Block Area, Writing Table, Sand table, Doll House and Large Group Area.

With much excitement, we now welcome May and the most amazing things that It brings. We are ready to learn about Community Helpers, Transportation, Weather, Nature, and the most importantly "Magnificent Mom."

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](mailto:Cesar@toddlertownevanston.com) or [yemina@toddlertownevanston.com](mailto:yemina@toddlertownevanston.com)

Thank you,

Mr. Cesar and Mrs. Yemina







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## Bumblebees (2 Year Old's)

Goodbye April Showers and Welcome May Flowers!

April was so challenging, but fun at the same time. My students have been learning so much. Although we discuss our themes of the month, our current main focus is structure and routine. Once a routine is set by both Ms. Vanessa and I, the learning becomes more fun and extensive. Each week it becomes easier for both students and teachers. My little friends are using their words a lot more and know what actions are nice and not so nice.

To avoid wrestling in the classroom, we have changed the way we do large group dancing and free play, and we have balanced out the classroom using our areas such as, sand, soil, water, playdoh and so much more. During Dance time, instead of using the main carpet as the only dancing area, we will begin to put small groups around the classroom. That way children can still dance and have fun, but also avoid the wrestling within each other.

As some of you have already noticed, WE ARE KEEPING AREAS OPEN FOR OUR STUDENTS ALL DAY LONG! This gives Ms. Nessa and I the opportunity to rotate around the classroom and encourage those positive interactions. Also, our calming area is amazing, children use that area in a positive matter, to calm down, relax and tone down from any chaos that may be going on in our classroom.

Can I also mention how much my little ones are talking? Whether it is by actually using words and generating sentences, or by just simply making different sounds, or using sign language. This makes me proud, and it shows me how much they are actually learning in our classrooms.

The theme For the month of May is changes! This is one of my most favorite months to teach because children can actually experience what we are learning. We will discuss soil, plants, weather and so much more. Along with that, we will recognize Moms, and will learn about community helpers and transportation.

**Please stay tuned, I will be involving parents a lot during this month!**

**Since we are mentioning parent involvement, we would like to recognize the Ignovs! The Ignov's are Our little Friend Emanuel's parents and they have been so amazing by helping us put together our library/cozy corner by adding many items. WE CAN NOT THANK YOU ENOUGH!**

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to e-mail me at [Norma@toddertownevanston.com](mailto: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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