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Нарру Мау!!!!

Happy May Families! Last month was such a great month. First, we enjoyed a fun Easter celebration, followed by picture day, and we held our 1st Annual "Week of the Young Child." For our walk-a-thon, we managed to raise \$2001.91, which was donated to St. Jude's Research Hospital. We had community Helpers come out and talk to the children about how they help others. Our Family Night was another huge success as we had many families attend and bring in a delicious dish for our "A Taste of Toddler Town" event. Our events were such a huge success and we thank all the parents, volunteers, and donations that supported a good cause. Pictures have arrived!!! You can pick up your child's pictures in the office with Mr. Robert. Just a reminder that you need to have tuition paid and chocolate money ready before you can get your pictures.

#### This month we have so many fun things happening. April's weather

was not so nice for the outdoors as we expected, but hopefully the weather this month will get better for the children to enjoy more of the outdoors. This month is also Mother's Day and we will be celebrating our beautiful, loving mothers with fun projects.

"A Mother holds her children's hands for a while, but their hearts Forever..."



Danny Thomas: Founder of St. Jude's



Wednesday Walk-a-thon

### **REMINDERS:**

- May 21st: Red Nose Day & Food Drive!!! Get a red nose for \$1 donation and bring in dried food and canned goods for food drive.
- May 25th: CLOSED for Memorial Day!!!
- Chocolate Fundraiser: Pick up your boxes in the office with Mr. Robert!

#### **Toddler Town Chicago May Newsletter**

## Ms. Merry and Ms. Nikki's Toucans Class 2-year-olds



Chick's Coop

Thanks for a fabulous April! We began with Easter art, dving eggs, and a celebration. We transitioned to our bird unit just after the holiday. We have done several art projects and talked about what birds look like, where they live, and what they eat. We took a break from the curriculum to observe NAEYC's WOYC. Each day celebrated the education of our little ones. The Toucans loved every minute! Thank you so much again to everyone who volunteered

their time, energy, and cooking to make this week a success for the center. We also want to applaud everyone's generosity. It allowed us to donate \$2001.91 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In May, we are looking forward to continuing our bird unit and moving right along into planting season. Each child will be able to grow a plant from seeds. We will also plant some grass seed for our Science area. We will complete activities in which the

Toucans will learn the parts of a plant, create flowers of their own, and conduct an experiment that animates just how they grow. We will also make presents in honor of our mothers. Happy Mother's Day to each and every one of you! As the weather gets nicer we will begin to spend more time outdoors. Lastly, watch for our new parent board to take shape at the beginning of the month! The Toucans will be blooming all May long!

## Ms. Jackie and Ms. Irene's Butterflies Class 3-year-olds

Happy May! Last month was a fun month full of so many different activities. Not only did we have picture day, we also celebrated our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Week of the Young Child, which was a huge success. That week we held a walk-athon, in which we were able to raise \$2001.91 and donated it to St. Jude's Hospital. We also watched performances from other class-

rooms and had a very successful Family Night for our "A Taste of Toddler Town Too" dinner. Thanks to all the parents that volunteered and attended these events. Last month we also focused on Easter, name writing, and did some fun arts and crafts. This month will also be a busy month as we will continue to work on name writing in addition to identifying numbers and counting. We will also work on a Mother's Day project to give to our wonderful mothers. We will learn about a mother's love and why we celebrate our mothers. Furthermore, we will continue to enjoy the outdoors with playground time and nature walks. Parents, don't forget we will be closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.



Musical Xylophone

Community Helpers

Hi everybody! For the month of April, the Guppies classroom learned more direction in Spanish. We were able to cover the themes: Health and birds. We had a Spring Festival and celebrated the Week of the Young Child. During that week we held a walka-thon, met some community helpers, had music day with performances from different classrooms, and we ended the week with a family night and food. Thank you to the staff and parents that made this possible. For the month of May,

Mr. Temok's Guppies Class 3 and 4-year-olds

we will discuss themes such as: Jungle, Feelings, Alphabet Review, Free Zone Bullying, and Mother's Day. Lastly, we are in a new season so please update your child's clothes in their cubby.

## Ms. Barber's Bumble Bees Class 3 and 4-year-olds

In the month of April we celebrated The Week of the Young Child (WOYC), and focused on the weather. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. We conducted some special activities for each day of the week and on Friday we brought all our families together and had a pot luck. We also talked about rain and tornadoes this month. We learned where rain comes from, talked about tornadoes, and even made our own tornadoes. Also one of the students made a tornado in the bottle for a science experiment. The children were so excited about this lesson I think I will revisit it soon. In the month of May we will focus on flowers and bumblebees. We will be working on letters and numbers every week. We will also be working on spelling our first names and learning our birthdays

every day in class so parents please pay close attention to your child's progress. I will be informing you on upcoming projects in our class as well. Finally, parents please check cubbies for daily art work, news, and homework sheets. All homework is given out on Monday and should be returned on due date in the purple basket, please and thank you. Also, don't forget to update clothing in cubbies.



Tornado: Shaving Cream & Paint

# Ms. Taga's Bears Class 4 and 5-year-olds



Yellow Sun

To recap the month of April, we discussed Vegetables, Weather, the color Yellow, and Zoo animals. We enjoyed dressing up for picture day and were busy during the WOYC daily celebrations. We also continued our spring art projects. For the month of May, we will be reviewing the alphabet and beginning our lesson on opposites. We will first begin discussing more/less and big/little. We will also prepare for Mother's Day by making our Mother's Day projects. We will continue to enjoy the changing weather as we play outdoors and use soil as a sensory experience. Don't forget we are also off for Memorial Day! It should be a fun month!

# Ms. Megan's Koalas Class 5-year-olds

Hi parents! April was an interesting month! We had so many fun activities we participated in. We learned about farm life, construction, and had a fantastic Week of the Young Child! Thank you to all those parents who participated during that week with the walka-thon, as well attending and providing a dish or our family night! We had such a great month and we can't wait to see what next month will bring! For the month of May we will be discovering many new themes. We will be learning about the life of a caterpillar, the life of a butterfly, and new sight words! Also, our class will be practicing for their upcoming graduation show! Currently we do not have a set date, but we will let you know as soon as possible, including any other information regarding graduation. If you have any questions or concerns please see me.



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