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# **APRIL 2016**

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# KOALAS: 5 YEAR OLDS

Hi parents!

I apologize that the month of the March has been such a crazy month but hopefully we should be back on track! Although I don't have much information about what our class has done this year, I can tell you all the final details for our 2016 graduation class! The date has been set for Friday, June 17, 2016 at *Lagos Banquet Hall*! The show will start at exactly 6:30 p.m. The children will sing 3 songs and afterwards we will celebrate all our hard work with a pizza party! There will be a letter going out soon of all the information about the graduation and events to come. Be sure to right down your child's name on the graduation sign-up sheet located in the Butterflies class. If you have any questions or concerns, please see me and I will be happy to help!

# **BEARS: 4 YEAR OLDS:**

To recap the month of March we reviewed the color red, went over our shapes, created flowers to celebrate spring and our spring celebration. We also reviewed transportation and celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday.

For the month of April, we will review umbrellas, vegetables, weather, and the color yellow. We will continue our spring related projects as well as sensory play using dirt and bugs. It will be a great month!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **CLOSING DATES:**

 To know if we are closed due to the weather, please refer to this website: <u>http://toddlertownchicago.</u> <u>com/register-for-weatheremergency-updates/</u>

## **REMINDERS:**

- Notify the daycare if your child is ill with a <u>contagious</u> illness <u>immediately</u> so that we can do our part at the daycare.
- Update your contact numbers.
- Wash your child's hands upon arrival.
- Week of the Young Child is this month...look for upcoming dates.
- Chocolate Fundraiser will be approaching.
- We are in the process of looking for a Toucan (2 year old room) teacher.
- Koalas Graduation is set for June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at *Lagos Banquet*.
- Mandatory Automated payments will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>...we are waiting on some parents to turn in forms.

### THE EXPLORERS: 4 YEAR OLDS

In March we celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday!!! The Explorers enjoyed different activities such as: crazy week, St. Patrick's day, we learned about Dr. Seuss, enjoyed some of Dr. Seuss's books, and more.

In April we will learn about spring, flowers, rain, safety and celebrate "Week of the Young Child." Also parents, we want to remind you that <u>every Friday</u> the Explorer's classroom holds a "show and



tell." Therefore, we ask that you please help prepare your child. They can bring in anything to show, such as a picture, toy, or something related to the topic of the week. Please see the teacher for more details.

#### **BUMBLEBEES: 4 YEAR OLDS**

In the month of March we Celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday, St. Patrick's Day, and we were excited to feel some spring weather. FUN FACTS: Dr. Seuss was born Theodor Geisel in Springfield, Massachusetts on March 2, 1904. Also in 1957, Random House published THE CAT IN THE HAT, a book that continues to charm children and adults for more than 50 years. So in honor of Dr. Seuss we celebrated his birthday by reading some of his books and having Dr. Seuss wacky week. Then we celebrated Easter and St. Patrick's Day by wearing **GREEN** and doing some fun art projects. In the month of April, we will be preparing for the spring season, rain and the rain forest. I will be working on letters and numbers every week and most will be repeated. Also we will be working on first and last names

every day in class so parents please pay close attention to the progress of your child's letter writing. I will be informing you on upcoming projects in our class. Finally, parents please check cubbies for daily art work, news, and homework sheets. All homework is given out on Mondays and should be returned on said due dates, please and Thank you.



## **BUTTERFLIES: 3 YEAR OLDS**

March was great as we entered Spring! We enjoyed the many holidays in March: St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Dr. Seuss's Birthday, and Miss Jackie's Birthday! We also enjoyed more of the outdoors along with focusing on the letters M and N. We even enjoyed some fun projects and activities.

For April, we will continue with our regular morning lessons of the calendar, letter/sound recognition, number counting and recognition, shapes, and colors.

We will also work on Spring projects/activities, focus on writing our names, the letters O and P, the number 12, Plants, weather, and Earth Day, which is Friday, April



22nd. This month we will also celebrate "Week of the Young Child" so look forward to a fun-filled, themed week.

### **TOUCANS: 2 YEAR OLDS**

Well March was sure a whirlwind of activity. We had to quickly jump from coming in like a lamb, to St. Patty's day, beginning of Spring and straight into Easter. March went out as a bit of a lion.

As April approaches we will prepare for our annual April shower rains but look forward to our flower and vegetable plants, which we will begin planting. Of course we will begin to walk around the neighborhood looking for green grass, blooming trees,



early spring flowers and the birdies building nests for their impending eggs and babies. We look forward to nature as it begins to unfold in the Chicagoland area. Watch our door and bulletin boards for all our lovely artwork.

Have a safe and joyful April from The Toucan Room.