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KOALAS: 5 YEAR OLDS

Hello Koalas Families! We had such a fun month of learning! We learned some new words and letters, we studied the emotion of love and we were introduced to so many famous men and women during Black History Month. The children completed a great project to show off their uniqueness to the school. They drew a picture of themselves and the great qualities they have. For the month of March, we have some amazing topics



to learn! We will be studying all things math and science. We will be exploring science experiments, studying weather patterns, practicing writing numbers and exploring addition problems. Parents: The weather will be changing soon. Please make sure your child's cubbie is updated with the proper clothes for the seasons.

Mrs. Megan 773-622-9433 EXT 27

THE BEARS 4-5 YEAR OLDS

Happy Spring, everyone! February has flown by so fast! To recap the month of February, we continued with our alphabet by discussing the colors purple and red, discussing quilts and making our own, and celebrating who we love by having a Valentine's Day party. We also continued reviewing our numbers by counting from 18-20 using different types of



manipulatives. For the month of March, we will continue reviewing our alphabet by discussing the topics of shapes, transportation and umbrellas. We will also be discussing spring and planting our spring flowers. We will be spending more time outdoors--weather permitting and enjoying the change in seasons. In our media table, we will enjoy playing with dirt and bugs. We will also be having conferences the first full week of March. It should be a great month!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Where Your Child ALWAYS Comes First."

• To know if we are closed due to the weather, please make sure you are registered under the Emergency Closing Center: <u>http://toddlertownchicago.com/regis</u> ter-for-weather-emergency-updates/

REMINDERS:

- We want to welcome Ms. Yvonne to TTDC Too. Come by and say hello to her in the front room.
- Update your contact numbers, cell phone providers and emails.
- Chocolate fundraiser will start next month – see RVN in the office for more details if you have any questions.
 - Does Your child have an ALLERGY? Please see Mr. Robert in the office

• We are closed Friday March 30th in observance of GOOD FRIDAY

Update your child's clothing for the Great Chicago weather and Please put your child's belongings in their plastic bags or bin.

Have you signed up for parent teacher conferences? See your child's teacher for more details in setting up a date and time.

Thank you to all the parents that have a credit card on file with Robert.

Ms. Taga 773-622-9433 EXT 26

THE EXPLORERS: 3-4 YEAR OLDS

February was a great month for the Explorers, they were able to learn and understand the meaning of friendship. We celebrated Valentine's Day and the children had the opportunity to share their treats with their friends.



The children continue learning to recognize and write letters of the alphabet. We also, reviewed lessons in Spanish, such as colors, numbers, directions and more.

For the month of March, we will talk about Saint Patrick Day, Easter and have parent teacher conferences. Have you signed up for a conference? Parents, please utilize your child's blue/clear bags for their coats and/or home toys. Finally, we recommend that you put your child's name or initials on their belongings to prevent things from going missing. I also want to let parents know that **No Home toys only Fridays**. If you have any question, feel free to contact me at <u>msscintya@gmail.com</u>

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families, enjoyed a Valentine's Day party, and talked about love and friendship. We also celebrated Black History Month as we learned about so many influential African Americans. Also thank you to the parents that scheduled a meeting to go over your child's progress. March is here, and we will really enjoy stepping out of winter and jumping into spring. With that being said, we will be enjoying more of the outdoors so be sure to bring your child the necessary outdoor

attire. We will also celebrate Dr. Seuss this month and enjoy some fun stories and projects related to Dr. Seuss. In addition, we will work on name tracing, focus on letter and number recognition and talk about St. Patrick's Day.

Ms. Barber 773-622-9433 EXT 24

February is gone but oh what

worked on Valentine's Day

projects for their friends and

fun it was! The children

focused on the letter L,

Mrs. Cintya 773-622-9433 EXT 25

BUTTERFLIES: 3 YEAR OLDS

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Ms. Yvonne Sosa, and I am the new teacher in the Butterfly classroom working with Ms. Irene. I have an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood and I have been working with preschoolers for 4 years now. What I will be working on in class is tracing shapes, identifying letters in own name, and days of the week to familiarize myself with your child and plan lesson plans around the children's interests moving forward. I have met most of my parents and want to say thank you for welcoming me with open arms. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me or speak to me when dropping of or picking up your child. I am open to learn more about you and your child. Thank you once again.

Ms. Yvonne & Ms. Irene 773-622-9433 EXT 23 <u>Email:</u> sosa.yvonne@yahoo.com

TOUCANS: 2 YEAR OLDS

Happy March! Will it come in like a lamb and out like a lion or vice versa? We'll have to wait and see. Either way we will be celebrating the beginning of Spring, with talk of Easter and the birds, bunnies, and flowers that can be planted. We will also be celebrating a week of "ALL THINGS GREEN" in honor of ST.PATRICK'S DAY. By the end of that week all the children will surely know the color green. In a recap of February, we all loved wearing red or pink on Feb.14th and all the fun and goodies we had on the "day of love" We also learned a lot from our unit on musical instruments and what they look like and sound like. We enjoyed making some instruments of our own. We sent off some of our dear Toucans to the Butterfly and Explorers classrooms. Good luck, Frankie Hernandez III, Allison Hererra, Kaleb Alvarez, Andres Alcantara and Leilani Torres. Miss Areli and I (Miss Merry)wish you a happy, healthy and safe month.

Miss Merry and Miss Areli 773-622-9433 EXT 22



BUMBLEBEES: 3-4 YEAR OLDS



Are you Ready for the Weather?

- 1. We understand that the weather can be unpredictable, therefore, we want everyone to be SAFE! Remember to give yourself enough time to arrive at the daycare both at pick up and drop off times. To learn what the roads and weather will be for your day–
 - ✤ CALL: 847-238-1234 (touch tone phone needed)
 - SIGN UP: for personalized email notification of your child care center's status at: <u>www.EmergencyClosings.com</u>

Please choose your center location and follow the instructions so that you can be notified in advance of school closings due to Weather:

 Evanston Location Information to Sign up: Facility Name: TODDLER TOWN DAYCARE Facility Location/City: EVANSTON Main Phone Number: (847) 475-1467 	<u>Chicago Location Information to Sign up:</u> • Facility Name: TODDLER TOWN DAYCARE TOO • Facility Location/City: CHICAGO • Main Phone Number: 773-622-9433

- If Chicago Public Schools are Closed due to SNOW related issues, Toddler Town Will Also Be Closed; this way parents can plan ahead accordingly. We will not close due to temperature, only due to snow closings.
- If you did not receive an email, text or update from the Emergency Closing Center please make sure that you do the following:
 - · Update your email address with Angelo or Robert
 - · Update your cell phone number and cell carrier with Angelo or Robert
 - Register with the Emergency Closing Center, as mentioned above.
- Sick/Vacation: We understand there will be times when children will be absent from school due to illness or vacation. However, you must let the school know, especially if they will be absent for more than 2 days. Please be sure to call and leave a message with your child's teacher. Down below are the extensions according to classroom. Our number is still the same (773) 622-9433. Menu directory:
 - For Spanish/Para Español: dial/marca 1
 - To be connected to the Toucans classroom (Miss Merry & Miss Areli): dial 22
 - To be connected to the Butterflies classroom (Ms. Yvonne, Ms. Irene, Ms. Carmen): dial 23
 - To be connected to the **Bumblebee** classroom : (Ms. Barber): dial 24
 - To be connected to the **Explorer** classroom (Mrs. Cintya): <u>dial 25</u>
 - To be connected to the **Bears** classroom (Miss Taga): dial 26
 - To be connected to the Koalas classroom (Mrs. Megan): dial 27
 - To be connected to the **Office** (Mr. Robert): <u>dial 21</u>
- <u>Pick Up List:</u> Don't forget, if you need someone to pick up your child that is not already on your pick up list, you can go to our website and complete the "Emergency Authorization Form" located on the right hand side of the page: <u>https://toddlertowndaycare.formstack.com/forms/toddler_town_pick_up_form</u>
- 4. <u>Parent Portal:</u> Parents can go to our website and be connected to the parent portal where they can view their child's account. This feature is located on the right-hand side of the page under "Log In To Your Child's Account."





TODDLER TOWN DAYCARE TOO HEALTHY FOOD POLICY



Dear Parent/Guardian,

At Toddler Town Daycare, we love celebrating birthdays, holidays, and special occasions. We also want to ensure we are teaching the children life-long healthy eating habits. This is why **beginning January 1st**, **2013**, we will only be allowing parents/guardians to bring in healthy snacks during these special times.

We will no longer allow foods such as cupcakes, cakes, doughnuts, or candy to be brought in during birthdays or holidays. Instead, we encourage you to explore healthier options to share with the class and save the sugary foods to eat at home. The teachers will also stop giving out candy as rewards and will instead give out prizes like art supplies, books, chalk, bubbles, and other items to expand your child's mind.

are welcome to send healthy treats goody bags to share with You or classmates . Please let the teachers know in advance that you will be bringing a treat to class and the teachers will arrange to distribute the treats or goody bags to the children after naptime or at dismissal.

All healthy food items must arrive unopened as packaged by the manufacturer or it will not be accepted. Homemade treats are not permitted by the Illinois Health Department. And as always, no nuts are allowed.

Remember, if you would like to celebrate with your child's birthday at school please, Bring In Really Tasty Healthy Delicious Appetizing Yummy Snacks!

Birthd	ay Treat suggestions	
•	Fruit popsicles	

- Fruit cups
- Yogurt
- Rice Cakes
- Fruit Muffins
- Fresh Fruit
- Hand Snacks

Goodie Bag suggestions

- Stickers
- Markers/Crayons
- Books
- Chalk
- Bubbles
- Coloring Books
- Puzzles

Two great websites that also offer snack ideas and healthy eating are: www.choosemyplate.gov and www.colormehealthy.com.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding!

Robert Nikolov, Director Toddler Town Daycare Too 5934 W. Diversey Chicago, IL 60639

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