



TODDLER TOWN

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"Where Your Child Always Comes First"



March 2018

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SHARKS: 5 YEAR OLDS:

Spring is coming! Having this light winter so far, brought us joy. The month of February was filled with fun activities including celebrations for Valentine's/kindness/friendship and President's day.

March promises to be just as exciting. We will study the themes: nutrition (March is national nutrition month), Will learn about Dr. Seuss (Dr. Seuss's birthday is in March), will write and illustrate our own book, will also learn about spring weather and will continue work on "Shoes" for our Project approach. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Note- Sharks' parent teacher conference will be held in March.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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If you have not accepted our Life Cubby Request. Please do so ASAP so you can view and stay informed with your child's progress during their attendance at Toddler Town.

REMINDERS:

- Notify the daycare if your child is ill with a contagious illness immediately so that we can do our part at the daycare.

The center will be closed

Friday March 30, 2018

- Update your contact numbers in office and with teachers.
- **Wash your child's hands upon arrival.**
- Tuition Payments need to be made on time or your child will not be able to stay in school.

Don't forget to sign up for Parent Teacher conferences. See your child's teacher for details.



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BUTTERFLIES: 4 YEAR OLDS

We had so much fun learning about black history, friendship and teeth. We realized how important it was to take care of our teeth since it is one of our body parts that we use every single day.

Now we have come to the month of March. This month we will honor Dr. Seuss and celebrate his birthday. We will be learning rhymes, patterns, classification and a lot more. At the end of the month, the classroom will celebrate Dr. Seuss with a classroom party. Please see teacher on how to help with our celebration. Don't forget about conferences

Thank you!



CHIPMUNKS: 3 YEAR OLDS

In February, we explored the letters W,X,Y & Z. We explored flat shapes, but moved into polygons; exploring Hexagon, Pentagon, Octagon, and Trapezoid as well. We've begun learning addition. This is presented heavily with visual aids to bring the concept home. We started mid-February, so it's gaining traction. We focus on a color each week, so the colors Gray, Yellow, Green, and White were the colors of the month. One activity that got a lot of focus this month was creating art on the easel. It was a hub-bub of action, which led to a surprising amount of artwork created in collective. I was impressed to see the student's making art side-by-side, and in many cases working on the same piece of artwork collaboratively. In the month of March, we will circle back around to letters A, B, C, & D. The numbers 5, 6, 7, & 8, are in focus (we go up to twenty then reset), and we didn't get to explore the concepts of Gravity, Speed, and Force. We wound up discussing sound, temperature, and light. We will be exploring Gravity, Speed, and Force in March. We are very avid about learning about animals, as it allows us to draw comparisons to ourselves, and this leads to self-discovery. In February we learned about Zebras, Yaks, & Whales. No animals I know of begin with X, save X-ray Tetra, and we focused heavily on X-ray for the week of X, so that fish caught a pass. I have no set animals in mind this month, so I will let the letters of the week help us decide which animal we will explore each week.



BUMBLEBEES: 2 YEAR OLDS

Welcome to the month of March everyone. For the short month of February, children had fun learning about their shapes and colors, friendship, counting, teeth and Dr. Seuss. Children are beginning

to be more interested in circle time and the activities in the classroom, which makes it easier to teach them and for them to teach each other. Two things I like about March: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS, AND SPRING BEGINS. Children will discuss the color green, since they will begin to see a lot more green. We will also discuss the types of things they see WHEN THE SUN IS OUT, and the types of activities they can enjoy, since we will now have more sun time! Finally, we will be going into Spring and all the fun things that come with spring.

Our focus this month is going to be communication. Children must have more conversations with both adults and children to extend their vocabulary and get them to become more confident about using their words. I am willing on checking out my own books, as long as I know that my students are being read to, not only at school but at home as well. Please come See Me, Ms. Norma, if you want to check out one of my books, or if you need ideas on what to talk to your child about. THANKS IN ADVANCE!



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–
 - a. CALL: 847-238-1234 (touch tone phone needed)
 - b. SIGN UP: for personalized email notification of your child care center's status at: www.EmergencyClosings.com

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

<p><u>Evanston Location Information to Sign up:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facility Name: TODDLER TOWN DAYCARE ▪ Facility Location/City: EVANSTON ▪ Main Phone Number: (847) 475-1467 	<p><u>Chicago Location Information to Sign up:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facility Name: TODDLER TOWN DAYCARE TOO ▪ Facility Location/City: CHICAGO ▪ Main Phone Number: 773-622-9433
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- ❖ 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.
2. **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 (847) 475-1467. Menu directory:
 - For Spanish/Para Español: [dial/marca 1](#)
 - To be connected to the 2 year old classroom (Ms. Norma & Ms. Vanessa): [dial 12](#)
 - To be connected to the 3 year old classroom (Mr. Shonn & Mrs. Daulat): [dial 13](#)
 - To be connected to the 4 year old classroom (Mrs. Maritza & Ms. Carina): [dial 14](#)
 - To be connected to the 5 year old classroom (Mrs. Jaya & Ms. Amber): [dial 15](#)
 - To be connected to the office (Mr. Angelo): [dial 11](#)
 3. **Pick Up List:** 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: https://toddlertowndaycare.formstack.com/forms/toddler_town_pick_up_form
 4. **Parent Portal:** 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 Into 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.

You are welcome to send healthy treats or goody bags to share with 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!**

Birthday 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!

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*Some information courtesy of CCDC