



# Discovery Zone Gazette

## Toddlers are All About Family

The Toddler Room would like to start by wishing everyone a Happy Spring! Congratulations to Spencer and Lucas on beginning the potty training process. We know you will do GREAT!

The first week of April, the Toddlers will learn about Easter. The children will experience many fun filled activities such as dying Easter eggs, making an Easter snack, and enjoying an Easter egg hunt

For the second week of April, the Toddlers will learn about dinosaurs. The children will enjoy a sensory and creative experience as they sponge paint dino-

sours, learn cause and effect as they make dino tracks, and learn problem solving skills with a dinosaur hunt. The children will also learn about nutrition as they make a "dino-riffic" snack.

During the third week, Toddlers will focus on families. The children will be encouraged to name and identify familial relations while making a family collage, learn personal hygiene as they bathe "babies," and continue dis-



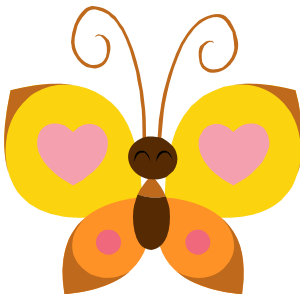
cussing familial relations with a mother and child activity.

Lastly, Toddlers will learn about "April Showers bring May Flowers." The children will learn what is necessary to grow plants as they grow their own. Creative expression will be the focus as the children Koosh-ball paint raindrops and decorate umbrellas.

Please remember to label all of you child's belongings. Also, please apply sunscreen to your child in the morning and we will reapply as needed in the afternoon.

## Infants "Spring" into Learning

The theme for the month of April is Easter. We will decorate our room with colorful pictures and lots of projects.



The children will be busy making butterflies, flowers and Easter cards to keep your eyes open!

With the arrival of nice weather, we will begin enjoying outside more. The children will have lots of opportunities to use

their senses in exploration of nature outside. The Infants also love to watch the older children running and playing on the playground.

Congratulations to Brayden who is now walking! Happy First Birthday to Casey on 4/10! The Infant room is happy to welcome Jenna G. and family to our class.

## Discovery Zone Learning Center

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## Important Dates

- 4/10 Fun Day for School Ageds
- 4/20-4/24 Fun Days for School Ageds
- 4/29 The Flying Yankees visit and entertain the children with a dog show.



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## You Can "Count" on Learning in Preschool B

Spring is finally here and the children in Preschool B couldn't be more excited! We end March and begin April with a unit on Spring. The children will use gross motor skills to "fish" and learn about different kinds of fish. Math skills will be put to the test as the children create caterpillars and count how many legs they have. Flying kites is not only fun but allows the children to learn about the power of wind and air. Preschoolers will also learn one to one correspondence with a kite activity inside.

Through out the week of 4/6 the children will be introduced to telling time

and clocks. The children will be encouraged to count by 5's and 10's and learn about the parts of a clock. The children will also be introduced to different types of clocks and watches.

Next, Preschool B continues with a theme about money. The children will again be encouraged to count by 5's and 10's. We will talk about what we could buy with a "Shiny Penny" or how



many pennies we might need. Preschool B will also have an auction and play "Money Memory."

For the last two weeks of April our theme will be Earth and Recycling. We will start recycling in the classroom as well as starting a compost pile. We will make our own bowls from recycled paper and learn language and rhythm with "Earth Songs." Large and small motor skills will be built as the children paint with nature objects and bowl with recycled bottles. Earth Day is 4/22 perhaps your family would enjoy a walk to pick up litter (with gloves of course!)

## Preschool A Rocks!

Happy birthday to Brandon, Rachel and Ciara this month!

Welcome Spring! Preschool A begins the month with a week on Spring. We will talk about all the things that are changing in the Spring. The children will create binoculars with paper towel rolls and then use them for bird watching. The children will also make some colorful kites. The children will practice math skills as they enjoy a flower sorting game. Language and literacy will be built as the children enjoy a variety of Spring stories.

For the next week of April, Preschool A will focus on Easter. The children will get creative as they use tissue paper to decorate eggs and paint with

jelly beans. The children will decorate egg cartons for collecting eggs on our annual Egg Hunt 4/10. The children will also practice letter recognition with scrambled letters game using Easter eggs.

Next, Preschool A will have fun with a theme on "Rocks, Dirt, and Mud." The class will have lots of sensory fun as they make adobe bricks and creating mud painting. Preschoolers will also enjoy some scientific exploration



with a rock hunt. The rocks will then be available for the children to sort, compare and examine. We end the week practicing measuring skills to make a delicious "Mud Snack."

To celebrate Earth Day, the class will learn all about recycling. We will collect items and learn how to sort them properly to be recycled. We will also use recycled items to create various art projects such as necklaces and our own "Recycled Art."

Preschool A ends the month with a special week on Friendship. The children will practice working together to make "Friendship Art" and play "Friend Musical." The class will also put creative art together to make a "Hands Wreath."

Through out the month Preschool A will also learn about the letters D, E, F, G, and H. Enjoy the warmer weather!

## Center News

Don't forget...Camp Discovery begins 6/22. Forms are due by 4/13. If you have questions regarding Camp, please speak with Robin or Christine

Sunny days have arrived! If you would like your child to wear sunscreen at DZLC please complete a form and return to your child's teacher with a labeled bottle of sun-

screen. Please remember that we only accept *clear, aerosol, spray sunscreen*. Finally, please apply lotion in the morning and DZLC will reapply in the afternoon.



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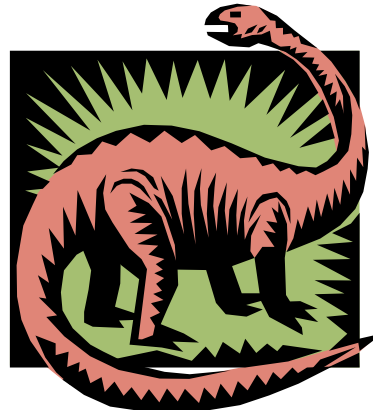
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