



CPS Child Care

April Newsletter



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News from the Early Learning Center:

Happy Spring! We are all anxiously awaiting the warming trend in the weather. Remember, with spring showers, our playground can get muddy. Children will still be playing outdoors, so make sure you are sending your child in proper play attire.

April is the Month of the Young Child. Each April, Michigan communities celebrate the Month of the Young Child to focus our attention on children's development. A letter was sent home explaining the events occurring throughout the month and ways you can contribute. A purple ribbon is attached to the letter for you to wear during the month to show you care about young children and are aware of their needs.

Our spring curriculum is in full swing. Children will be exploring gardens, insects and spiders, and spring safety. We are always looking for parents or family members to come and share their expertise with the children. If you, or someone you know would like to come and speak with the children on any of our themes, or perhaps on a totally different topic, please let me or your child's teacher know. We would love to have you!

As a reminder, tuition is due on the first day of the week of your child's attendance. If your account is more than 5 days past due, we will charge a \$10.00 late fee to your account. We appreciate your help in keeping accounts up to date!

PAC:

The Parent Advisory Counsel is sponsoring several Month of the Young Child events during the month of April. Members will be providing a breakfast for our staff along with delivering flowers to show our appreciation for all their hard work. Look for a letter to the editor to show our support for the CPS Child Care staff in the local Shopping Guide.

Also, look for upcoming news on the Grand Opening Carnival at our new site, the Weymouth Child Development Center this summer!

Reminders:

- Spring Break April 6-13- NO HOT LUNCH

Have a great month!
Kelsey

Infant/Toddler Room News

Thank you for the family support during our egg decorating activity! It was great having so many parents here.

This month is always a wet one. Please make sure your child has extra clothes and that they come in play attire they may get dirty in.

March 30-April 3 we are learning about community helpers. We will be learning about all of the people in our community who are here to help us.

April 6-10 we are studying weather and spring changes. We will learn about the four seasons and about rain

and snow. We will talk about the changes that spring weather brings. Yay! We will also try our hand at kite flying.

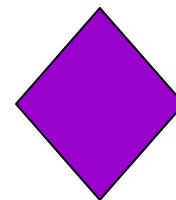
April 20-24 we will learn about insects and spiders- eeeek! We will have a bug hunt both inside and outside.

April 27-May 1 we will be learning all about flowers!

All throughout the month we will be singing and dancing our way through new themes and reviewing old ones. Feel free to stop by for a visit to join in the fun!

Color of the Month: Purple

Shape of the Month: Diamond



*CPS Infant/Toddler Room,
Ms. Billie Jo, Ms. Angie, Ms. Sam
and Ms. Morgan*



Preschool Room News

The month of March was Reading Month. We made a jungle in our classroom to get "wild about reading." We also have been participating in the Book-It! Program to encourage children to read more at home and at school. At the end of the month the children received a certificate for Pizza Hut. This will continue through the month of April. Also last month, the children studied the authors Dr. Suess and Eric Carle. In celebration of Dr. Suess' birthday, the children enjoyed a visit from The Cat in the Hat.

During the month of April

we will be looking ahead to spring. The children will learn about flowers, gardens, insects and spiders. These units are always fun and exciting for both the teachers and the children. We will be planning our own miniature flower and vegetable gardens inside. The children will help take care of the gardens and will be charting their growth. We also are awaiting the arrival of live caterpillars to inhabit our Butterfly House. The children will be able to watch the transformation from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. This is always a favorite for them. We

are also awaiting the arrival of a praying mantis live egg case. This is a new one for both the children and the teachers, so it should be exciting and educational for all of us.

One of the poems the children will be learning this month is:

Daisies

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Yellow daisies all alive
Here they are all in a row
The sun and rain will help them
grow!

Preschool News, cont.

Remember to go outside and enjoy all the wonderful things about spring!

Reminders:

- Conferences are going to be held in the mornings and evenings

of April 20 and 21. A sign-up sheet will be posted. If none of the posted times work for you, we will schedule another time.

- Even with warmer weather now here, children should still have

coats, hats and boots just in case. We will be going outside even if the playground is muddy.

CPS Preschool Room:

Ms. Jen, Ms. Joyce and Ms. Amber

Before and After School News

It's finally springtime! Although, sometimes here in Michigan is it hard to tell. We will be going outdoors more frequently as weather permits in the afternoons, so please be sure your child has weather appropriate clothing for the day.

Our after school program has moved back to our original location in the Middle School Cafeteria. Utilizing the extra space in the cafeteria will allow the children to do more arts and crafts activities, games, experiments and projects. The children will continue to be separated by age as often as possible to allow for them to participate in activities appropriate for them.

Spring Break Camp was a great success! Children had a blast making culinary creations during Wacky Chef Week.

Summer Day Camp brochures will be distributed soon. Be sure to fill out your child's application for each week they plan to attend and return it to the child care office. Camp will be a blast this year with new weekly themes and field trips.

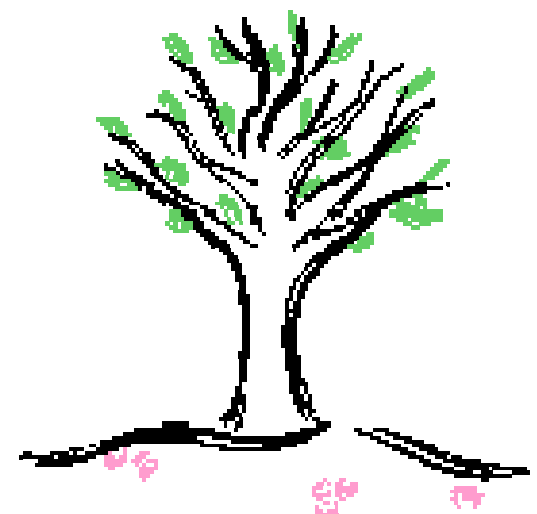
Reminders:

- Please leave all toys and games at home. Toys brought to child care may end up lost or broken, or cause disagreements.
- Remember to dress according to the weather. It is still quite chilly out.
- Swimming day at the Aquatic Center is on Mondays. We must have a minimum of 8 children interested in order to swim.

- Remember to check your parent folders daily for important information and reminders.

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Spring Is Here

(Sung To: Are You Sleeping)

I see robins,
I see bird's nests,
Butterflies too,
flowers too.
Everything is growing,
The wind is gently blowing.
Spring is here, spring is here.

