



## April Newsletter

### Infant One

Hello Spring!

We hope everyone had a happy and healthy Easter.

We want to wish Miss Becca and Lucas a Happy Birthday this month.

Also, we recently had to say goodbye to Ari, as he moved to the Toddler Room. We wish him the best in his new adventures.

We are excited for the upcoming activities for the Week of the Young Child.

Our Mighty Minute this month is "Clapping Hands."

Chant the rhyme and perform the movements.

- Clap for you, clap for me
- Clap your hands: 1,2,3 (Clap three times)
- Clap them big and clap them little (clap using broad arm movements and then narrow ones)
- Clap them from your head to middle (clap in front of your face and then down to your waist).

Please be sure to check your child's bin for weather (and size) appropriate extra clothes

Thank you!

## **Infant Two**

Birds have come back. Plants have sprouted.

This month, we will be growing some of our own plants – Lima Beans. The children will be able to water them and watch them grow.

We have added some new books to our collection. The babies absolutely love reading time.

Reading aloud is a very important form of stimulation. It teaches your baby about communication and introduces concepts, such as numbers, letters, colors, and shapes, in a fun way. It builds listening, memory, and vocabulary skills, and gives babies more information about the world around them.

If your child has a favorite book, please feel free to bring it in and we will share the story with the class.

We would like to wish Paige and Brayden all the best as they begin their new adventures in the Toddler Room. We will miss them!

Please remember to check your child's folders and take home their daily sheets each day.

Have a wonderful month!

## **Younger Toddler**

We can feel spring coming!

Please make sure that your child has weather appropriate clothing. Also, please be sure that the extra clothes in their drawer are the correct size and are appropriate for the changing weather.

As the weather warms, we will begin to start taking walks outside and playing on the playground.

The children are doing very well using utensils and some are even drinking from a regular cup.

We are planning some fun activities about Easter and spring this month.

We are going to make flower garden bunnies and tulips as art projects.

Have a great month!

## Older Toddler

The world is ready to grow, and so are the toddlers.

First, we will be wrapping up the spring unit we started last month and then we will focus on Easter, Earth Day and Arbor Day.

We will take one week to talk about the celebration of Easter. Bunnies, baskets, egg hunts and more are in store for us.

After that, we're taking advantage of a wonderful opportunity to teach the young ones all about how to reduce, reuse and recycle. We will be taking care of our plants as well, as they are an important part of keeping the world happy and healthy. Our 'I Can Change the World' unit will show the children how important it is to recycle (and not to litter), to turn off lights when not needed, and water when not in use. We will also address how to conserve things, like electricity, by spending some more time outside and getting some exercise and enjoying the fresh air.

Do you have a garden at home? Or other good habits to help create a sustainable environment? We would love to hear about it and how your child lends a hand. You can write it down or take pictures - the children love sharing their pictures from home. If it's easier, you can always text them to me and we will print them out at the school.

We wish everyone a Blessed and joyful Easter Holiday.



## Preschool

It is April in Preschool and we are so happy that spring is here! We will really enjoy getting to go outside and play.

Last month, we worked on the letters R, S, T, U, and V. Please expect to continue to see weekly homework to help reinforce the concepts we are working on. Please feel free to send in items related to the current topic of study (for art, show 'n' tell, or nap).

This month we will be focusing on the following topics:

- April 2-6 Bugs and Insects, Letter W, Number Review
- April 9-13 Growing Flowers, Letter X, Number Review
- April 16-20 Week of the Young Child, Letter Y, Shape Review
- April 23-27 Dinosaur Adventure, Letter Z, Shape Review

We will be using various materials to explore the letters everyday in the classroom and we will be looking for those letters on our outdoor excursions. We will have activities related to the weekly themes in all the interest areas as well. Please feel free to send in items that pertain to the themes to share with the class.

We will continue to practice writing our names and playing games for number recognition.

Please check your child's folder daily for important information, art projects, and homework. Show 'n' Tell day is on every Friday.

Please be sure that your child has two complete changes of clothing (shirt, pants, underwear, socks, and shoes - if possible) that are the correct size and that are weather appropriate.

As always, thank you for your continued support and for sharing your children with us.

The Preschool Teachers

## Pre-K

April is upon us and we will be starting a new unit, "The World around Us." We will be investigating water, wind, shadows, etc.

We will be meeting the letters Ms. V (Vegetable Vest), Ms. L (Longest Laugh), and Ms. U (Unusual Umbrella). The children have been having a lot of fun singing along to the letter people songs. I love the props they have been making, like weights for Ms E.

We have been enjoying roll and cover math mats. The children have to roll a die and cover the right number of squares up to 20. During our Mr. I week, we had a lot of fun measuring.

Currently, we are using different units of measurement to measure objects. We will do this in groups and individually.

Lastly, we will continue to work on addresses and phone numbers by using things like calling out street names to line up or playing phone number hopscotch.

## **Office**

\*Breakfast is from 7:30-8:30 in all classrooms. Please be sure that your child is here on time if you wish for them to eat breakfast at the center.

\*Please be sure that your child has at least two complete changes of weather appropriate clothing.

\*If you order from Amazon, please consider ordering through Amazon Smile. It is the same as ordering through Amazon, it just gives a donation to a charitable organization of your choice. So, go to Amazon Smile and select Lakewood Community Care Center and you can support us with every purchase!

\*Remember to get your labels from Mabel's Labels. This is a great way to label school supplies and clothing. Be sure to look for LCCC when you order.

\*April 6 – Indian's Home Opener – Wear Cleveland Indians Attire

\*April 9 – Wear your Favorite Animal Shirt or Print

\*April 16 – Pajama Day and a visit from Miss Tara

\*April 18 – Visit from Jungle Terry

\*April 26 – Pretzel Day

\*\*The week of April 16<sup>th</sup> is the Week of the Young Child. We have a lot of fun things planned center wide and in each classroom!

\*\*Want free childcare? Refer your friends with school age children to our summer camp at SACC and if they attend, earn money off of your child's tuition! This is a great opportunity for you and your friends. Please stop in the office for more information!



## April 2018

| SUNDAY                        | MONDAY  | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY              | THURSDAY          | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY |
|-------------------------------|---|---------|------------------------|-------------------|--|----------|
| 1                             | 2   | 3       | 4                      | 5                 | 6<br>Indian's Home Opener<br><br>Wear Cleveland Indians Attire | 7        |
| 8<br>National Zoo Lovers Day  | 9<br>Wear your favorite Animal Shirt or Print | 10      | 11                     | 12                | 13   | 14       |
| 15<br>Week of the Young Child | 16<br>Pajama Day<br><br>Miss Tara             | 17      | 18<br><br>Jungle Terry | 19                | 20   | 21       |
| 22                            | 23  | 24      | 25                     | 26<br>Pretzel Day | 27   | 28       |
| 29                            | 30  |         |                        |                   |  |          |