KOALAS: 5 YEAR OLDS

March was a great month! We learned about new subjects like odds and evens, read Dr. Seuss books, learned about the weather and outer space! We had such an amazing month of learning as well as fun projects, like this one for “The Cat in The Hat” book we read! The month of April is going to be a month of thrills! We are going to learn about nature and how things grow, study new cultures, and celebrate the Week of the Young Child. We are looking for volunteers for the Week of the Young Child! If you have any special talents or would like to help out, please see me and I will be happy to help!

BEARS: 4 YEAR OLDS

Happy April! I can't believe Spring has sprung! To recap the month of March, we discussed shapes, transportation, umbrellas and Spring. We enjoyed straw and toothbrush painting, transportation stamping, petal painting, and making our own umbrellas and pictures with shapes. We also planted our plants and discussed what happens in the Spring. For the month of April, we will be discussing and planting vegetables, celebrating our Spring celebration with a party, discussing weather and the color yellow. We will also enjoy dirt play with bugs and other materials in our media table, along with more outdoor play due to the change of weather. It should be a great month!
THE EXPLORERS: 4 YEAR OLDS
Welcome April and bye, bye March. During March, the children learned about Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick’s Day, safety, and emotions. The colors for the month were red, white and green. For our projects, we made paper shamrocks, thing 1 and thing 2, fish like Dr. Seuss’s book “One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish”, and more.

In April, the Explorers will learn about birds, plants and Spring. Technology is also part of our curriculum, so the Explorers will have time to play and learn on the tablet or computer. In addition, we will be having Week of the Young Child.

Dear Parents: Due to the new season, we ask that parents please update their child’s clothing in their cubbies. Lastly, do not forget to take your child’s blankets home every Friday and return them every Monday.

BUMBLEBEES: 4 YEAR OLDS
In the month of March, we celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday and St. Patrick’s Day. We were also excited to feel some spring weather. In honor of Dr. Seuss, we celebrated his birthday by reading some of his books and having a Dr. Seuss Wacky Week. Then we celebrated Easter and St. Patrick’s Day by wearing GREEN and doing some fun art projects.

In the month of April, we will be learning for the Spring season, rain and the rain forest. I will be working on letters and numbers every week. Also, we will be working on first and last names every day in class so parents please pay close attention to the progress of your child’s letter writing. I will be informing you on upcoming projects in our class. Finally, parents please check cubbies for daily art work, news, and homework sheets. All homework is given out on Monday and should be returned on due date, please and thank you.

BUTTERFLIES: 3 YEAR OLDS
March was a fun month as we enjoyed Dr. Seuss’ birthday, St. Patrick’s Day and theme related art projects, the start of Spring along with art related projects, Miss Jackie’s birthday celebration, and welcoming new students to our classroom.

April will be full of fun just the same. We will celebrate the Week of the Young Child, learn about Earth day, enjoy more of the outdoors due to the weather warming up, and enjoy more Spring related art projects. Due to the new season, we ask that parents update cubbies with appropriate weather attire. We will also be having an Easter egg hunt and celebrate with an Easter celebration. Don’t forget that we will be Closed Friday, April 14th for Good Friday.

TOUCANS: 2 YEAR OLDS
The Toucans welcomed a lot of new friends this March. We welcomed the new parents and families who joined Toddler Town Daycare. As we keep learning more about friendships and good manners, we also incorporated Dr. Seuss projects and St. Patrick’s Day projects in our daily activities. The children learned more about the colors red and green. We explored with different sensory activities like shaving cream and playdough. We learned more about the Irish culture and festivities. Now that spring is here, we are beginning to learn about birds.

For the month of April, we will continue to explore birds and the environment. We will learn about different kinds of birds, what they eat, and how they live. If weather permits, we will have more nature walks. We will also participate in NAEYC’s Week of the Young Child. The Toucans will sing a song for Music Monday. April will be the month of nature as we will also celebrate Earth Day.
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: 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:

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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 (773) 622-9433. Menu directory:
   • For Spanish/Para Español: dial/marca 1
   • To be connected to the Toucans classroom (Miss Merry & Miss Maria): dial 22
   • To be connected to the Butterflies classroom (Ms. Jackie, Ms. Irene, Ms. Carmen): dial 23
   • To be connected to the Bumblebee classroom (Miss Barber): dial 24
   • To be connected to the Explorer classroom (Mr. Temok & Miss Paz): dial 25
   • To be connected to the Bears classroom (Miss Taga): dial 26
   • To be connected to the Koalas classroom (Miss Megan): dial 27
   • To be connected to the Office (Mr. Robert): dial 21

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://toddlerowntdaycare.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 In To Your Child’s Account.”
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!

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

We thank you in advance for you cooperation and understanding!

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