



Small Wonders Learning Center April Newsletter 2017



From the Office:

Welcome Spring! As the warm weather begins to move in and the flowers begin to bloom we look forward to the wonderful month of April. Please keep in mind that the weather is still pretty chilly in the mornings and the ground is still very wet outside so all of our friends need to have their winter gear (except for snow pants) at Small Wonders. We will spend as much time outside as possible which means light spring jackets and tennis shoes will not keep our friends warm or dry while they are outside. We will let you know when we no longer need their winter items at Small Wonders, until then please continue to send them in with your child.

The Week of the Young Child is April 24th through April 28th.

Our activities will include:

All Week: Children's artwork displayed throughout the Center and area businesses.

Monday: Center Celebration and Kick Off:

Parent Breakfast - Join us for assorted breads, juice, and coffee from 6:00-8:00am.

Cookies and Juice - Join us in the breakfast nook from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Enjoy a cup of juice and a cookie with your child!

Tuesday: Favorite Book Day - Send in your child's favorite book and we will read them throughout the week. All books will be returned by Friday. Be sure to label your child's book.

Wednesday: Blue Day - Wear blue to support Child Abuse Prevention. Pizza Day for lunch...yum, yum!

Thursday: Stuffed Animal Day - Bring in your favorite stuffed animal or teddy bear to school.

Friday: Slumber Party: It will be "Fun Friday" here at Small Wonders. The children can wear their pajamas to school and we will enjoy popcorn and a movie to end our week of celebration!

Please take some time to walk around our Center as well some of our local businesses to enjoy our art displays. We are very proud of all of our "Young Artists". They have made some wonderful projects!

Summer School Bus: Our bus for the Milton Summer School program is full. If your child will be attending the Milton Summer School Program and will need busing to and from Small Wonders, please stop by the office. The cost of the Summer School bus has been divided amongst the number of children who will be using it. In fairness to all who will be using the bus transportation, if you signed up, you will be charged accordingly. Cancellations after April 7th will not be accepted. Transportation fees will be deducted through Tuition Express on Monday, June 5th.

Kitchen: As part of our policies and for safety reasons, children are not allowed in the prep area or kitchen area. If you are dropping off or picking up something (milk, special snack, etc..) from the kitchen, please ask for assistance from Miss Jean. We appreciate your help with this.

Drop Off and Pick Up: It is extremely important that when you drop your child off in the morning that you make sure to talk to their teacher or to whoever is in charge in your child's room. If we are still combined downstairs, you must talk to the teacher in the large group area. This includes our school age friends.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month: Please take time to hug your child every day and let them know how much you love them. On Wednesday, April 26th, we would like everyone to wear blue in support of child abuse prevention. Thanks!

Extra Clothing: Please make sure your child has extra clothing at the daycare. With the wet spring weather here, it is easy for our friends to get wet when they are outside. In addition, you should continue to send in boots throughout the month of April.

Summer Care Needs:

For all non-school age families: If your childcare needs are changing for the Summer months, you should have already notified the office and completed a Yellow Schedule Change Form. If you haven't done so already, you must do it a.s.a.p. Summer Hold Contracts will be out shortly for those that have requested such changes. If you have not requested a change in your child's schedule, we will assume your schedule will stay the same.

For all school age families: All families interested in summer care should have already signed up with the forms that were sent home. If you did not sign up for summer care, your child's last day of attendance will be Wednesday June 7th. At this time, our 2017 summer and 2017-2018 school year programs are full. If your childcare needs are changing for the summer months, you should have already notified the office. If your school age child will not be returning next fall, their last day of attendance is Wednesday, June 7th.

School Age Summer Program: Our school age program is almost set. Details will be sent home by the end of April, early May so make sure to check your child's mailbox. We have some awesome fieldtrips planned including some of our favorites and some new and exciting adventures!

Window Screens: Please help us save our window screens! While we love seeing the little faces peeking in the windows, we are finding our screens can't handle the pressure of little noses and fingers on them. Please remind your children and their siblings that they can look but to keep their faces and hands away from the screens.



Spring Wishes!
Miss Beth, Miss Julia and Miss Terri



From the Sunshine Room:

We have a fun-filled month planned for our little ones as we explore our themes of Smell, Sensory, Feeling and Hearing. As our friends continue to grow, we will focus on their large motor skills, strengthening their core muscles in preparation of crawling for some of our friends and walking, yes, **WALKING** for others believe or not. ☺ We will also practice stacking blocks and knocking them down, along with grasping all kinds of objects. You can help with your child's progress by taking time to play simple tummy time activities as well as stacking games. Don't forget to read to your infant every day. 

Our friends love going for walks and exploring the great outdoors. Please remember to send in appropriate clothing for outside play every day. In addition, please remember to send in extra bibs and blankets for your infant...as they develop their self-feeding skills it can be a bit messy.

April Showers Will Bring May Flowers
Miss Cheryl, Miss Nikki and Miss Taylor



From the Rainbow Room:

Spring is finally here! Hooray! It's always a great time of year when the weather begins to warm and we can spend more time outside. Please be sure to check your child's extra clothing items to make sure they fit and are weather appropriate.

Our themes for April will include Feelings, Easter, My Body and Family. We will also be celebrating our children during the Week of the Young Child, April 24th-28th. Be sure to check out our artwork on display throughout our room and displayed at Cone Zone located on High Street in Milton.

Our developmentally appropriate activities will include learning how to express different feelings such as happy, sleepy, sad and angry. We are also learning different parts of our body by working on our large motor skills with foot print stomping art, tracing our hands and rolling around. As Easter approaches, we will be using our creativity as we create Easter baskets.

Our hands may get a bit messy but we're going to have lots of fun. During our unit on Family, we will focus on our social development by learning about who our moms, dads, siblings, pets and grandparents are! If you haven't done so already, please send in some family photos to hang on our wall. Our friends love to look at them throughout the day.

We'd like to send out a big Happy Birthday to Kayden! We hope you have an awesome and fun filled day!



Spring Smiles!

Miss Barb, Miss Marta, and Miss Rhonda

From the Moonbeam Room:

Hooray! Spring has arrived and so has the warmer weather which means the Moonbeams are going to be spending more time outside! Please continue to send in appropriate outdoor gear as well as boots throughout the month as it can be a bit muddy with the spring showers upon us. April will be a busy month for our friends as we focus on our learning themes of Weather, Easter, Spring and Week of The Young Child.

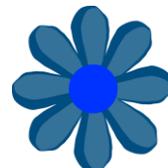
Our two year olds have a lot going on as they continue to develop and become more independent. Our April learning units will offer great opportunities for our friends to explore, learn, and grow. We will tap into our creativity as we make wind socks and puffy paint clouds. We will also have some fun with shaving cream and painting with our feet. Ewww, sounds messy but oh so fun for our friends!! 😊

Our sensory table promises to encourage lots of discovery as we search for surprises hidden within. Be sure to ask your child, what they find in the table. Perhaps it will be a bunny or maybe an Easter egg? We plan to have lots of new items to explore throughout the month.

As part of our focus on our large motor skills we will get outside to fly a kite and enjoy parachute play along with running, jumping and dancing with our friends.

We'd like to wish our friend, Kellan, A very Happy Birthday! We hope you have an awesome day!

Wishes for a Happy Spring!
Miss Lynn and Miss Emily



From the Milkyway Room:

Welcome April! As the weather continues to warm we will enjoy more time outside. Please take a moment to check your child's extra clothing items and exchange them as necessary. Snow pants can probably go home but we would like to keep the boots as April showers can make outside play a bit muddy. Our themes for April will include Muddy Moments, Easter, Earth Day and Week of the Young Child.

We will be working on sensory organization and explore with our senses throughout this month! Some of our sensory fun will include painting with worms (plastic ones ☺) and also with our finger. As part of our Easter unit, we will be gathering information and making observations as we go on an egg hunt, explore with Easter colors and chart our favorite jelly beans flavors! Our last week of the month is the Week of the Young Child and we will be making "Why We are Special" projects as we work on our self-concepts and develop positive self-esteem. Don't forget to check out our art work April 24th-28th to help celebrate Week of The Young Child.

Happy April Birthday wishes go out to our friend Madelyn! I hope you have a blast and all your dreams come true. As we begin a new month, take time to let your child know how special they really are. One extra hug in the morning can go a long way! ☺ I hope everyone has a great month and Happy Easter to All!

Happy Easter!
Miss Melody



From the Milkyway Room:

Springtime weather is here and we are so excited as we will be "springing into action" and spending more time outside enjoying the warmer temps. Please take a moment to check your child's extra clothing items and exchange them as necessary. Snow pants can probably go home but we would like to keep the boots as April showers can make outside play a bit muddy. April is filled with fun learning activities both inside and out. Our learning units will include Five Senses, Easter, Earth Day and Week of the Young Child.

During our Five Senses week we will be using our senses to experience different tastes with taste testing, guessing sounds and using our noses to smell different things. We will use the information we gather to help us learn and process our experiences. As the month continues, we will be working on our eye-hand coordination while using colored q-tips to dye Easter Eggs and to paint with Easter grass! Our fun will continue as we have fun going on an egg hunt!

During the Week of the Young Child, April 24th-28th, we will be displaying our artwork at the Milton Family Restaurant. Be sure to stop by and check it out. We are quite proud of our children and their art masterpieces.

Happy Spring!
Miss Mitchy



From the Shooting Stars Room:

Welcome warm weather! We are so excited to be able to spend more time outdoors. As the weather continues to warm we will start to work on our upper gross motor skills as we spend time on the monkey bars. We will also practice our balancing skills as we work our way around the border of the sandbox (it's like a balance beam but only 5 inches off the ground!!).

Our learning units for April will be Five Senses, Easter, Earth Day and the Week of the Young Child. Our friends will be busy with tons of activities as we explore our learning units. During the Week of the Young Child April 24th-28th, we will have our artwork on display at the Milton Library. Please take a moment to enjoy these masterpieces created by our friends. Art is a favorite for many of our friends and we will continue to have many creative art projects throughout the month. If you haven't already done so already, don't forget to sign up for a library card. We will also be learning about each other during this week and discussing what everyone's interests are.

As part of our Five Senses we will be exploring our surroundings by using all five senses with activities like jell-o art and finger painting. During Easter, we will be exploring our with creative minds while doing pastel projects. As part of our Earth Day unit, we will focus on the importance of recycling and taking care of Mother Earth.

Please continue to return the family involvement activities. All of our friends love them to have them read aloud and posted in the classroom! Happy Birthday wishes go to our friends Kyla, Avery W., Claire and Miss Heather. We hope you all have an awesome day! ☺ We are looking forward to a wonderful month of fun activities, great friendships, and lots of exciting learning.

Showers of April Fun!
Miss Kelly and Miss Heather



From the Comet Room:

All School Age: Spring break is April 10th- April 14th. We will be spending our time learning about gardening, Earth day and Easter. We will be taking a trip to Rotary Gardens in Janesville on Wednesday April 12th. A permission slip will be handed out to the families who signed up for Spring Break care, please make sure to return the slip to allow your child on the trip.

East: We have some exciting themes week as we continue to celebrate fun "National Holidays". For the month of April, we will be celebrating National Sibling Week and National Tell a Story Week. We are continuing to do bi-weekly themes so we are able to focus in more detail on our art and activities. We will be making family collages and sharing them with the class so please be sure to send some photos in! We are also making our own felt board stories and learning a little Sign Language to express stories in different ways. Reminder: Technology days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. All rules must be adhered to or the technology privilege will be revoked.

This month we are celebrating Week of the Young Child and will have art displayed at Crosspointe Milton campus. Please be sure to stop in and take a look!

Main: Our learning units for April are Silly week, Gardening and Easter for spring break, Reptiles and Weather. We have an assortment of fun and creative activities planned throughout the month. We'll start with exploring spring and all the wonderful things this time of year has to offer. We will be working on our social skills and character development learning and telling jokes and making friends laugh. We also have some fun different sensory activities learning about scales and different texture. Reminder: Technology days are Wednesdays. All rules must be adhered to or the technology privilege will be revoked.

Our Week of the Young Child art work will be displayed throughout the center. Please be sure to look around and check them out! Happy Birthday wishes go out to our friends, Addison, Isabel, Finn, Bennett, Abigail, Brielle, Carter, Hadley, Savannah, Libby, and Deysi in April. We hope you all have a spectacular day!

April Fun!
School Age Teachers

