

## Small Wonders Learning Center April Newsletter 2018



### 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 16<sup>th</sup> through April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our activities will include:

- All Week:** Children's artwork displayed throughout the Center and area businesses.  
Daily Theme Days\*\*
- Monday:** \*\* Hawaiian Day  
Enjoy muffins, breads, cookies and juice with your children in our kitchen area.
- Tuesday:** \*\*Farm 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:** \*\*Class Color Day and Pizza Day for lunch...yum, yum!  
Infants: Purple Toddlers: Blue Twos: Pink Threes: Green Fours/Fives: Yellow SA: Red
- Thursday:** \*\*Jersey/Sports Day
- Friday:** \*\*Pajama Day 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 and enjoy our art displays. We are very proud of all of our "Young Artists". They have made some wonderful projects!

**Summer School Bus:** Our Summer School Bus is near full. If your child will be attending the Milton Summer School Program and will need busing to and from Small Wonders, please be sure to sign up on the sheet in the office. The cost of the Summer School bus will be 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 13<sup>th</sup> will not be accepted. Transportation fees will be deducted through Tuition Express on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Snack and Lunch Update:** All of our classrooms are now equipped with a microwave and small refrigerator to ease the transitions of snack and lunch times. Children with special diet needs such as a milk substitute should label (name and date) their original containers and put it in their respective classroom refrigerators. If you have any questions, please let us know.

**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 4<sup>th</sup>, we would like everyone to wear blue in support of child abuse prevention. Thanks!

**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.

**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.

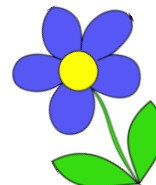
**For All Shooting Stars and School Age families:** Summer and Fall agreements were sent home and returned in March. All families interested in summer care should have already signed up with these forms. **If you did not sign up for summer care, your child's last day of attendance will be Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup>.** Our summer and fall care spots are full. If your childcare needs are changing for the summer months, you should have already notified the office. If you know that your school age child will not be returning next fall, their last day of attendance is June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**School Age Summer Field Trip Program:** Our school age program is almost set. Details will be sent home in early May so be 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 friends as we explore our themes of our Smell, Sensory, Feeling and Hearing. We will be working on our pre-reading skills by learning to turn book pages one page at a time. We will be working on recognizing parents and family members in our family pictures. If you have not brought one in yet please do so, the children love looking at them.

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.

For the Week of The Young Child (April 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>) if any parent would like to come play for a little while or read a book we would love to schedule that visit. Reminder our Wacky Wednesday color is **PURPLE**. We'd like to wish Courtney lots of fun as she joins the Rainbow Room this month. We'd also like to say "Happy April Birthday" to our friend, Maizy this month. Have a great day!!

April Showers Will Bring May Flowers!

Miss Nikki, Miss Lynn and Miss Marta



### 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. It's so nice to hear the birds chirping and to enjoy the warm sunshine on our faces. Be sure to send in appropriate outdoor clothing for your toddler as we will be going outside daily as the weather permits. In addition, please be sure to check your child's extra clothing items to make sure they fit and are weather appropriate.

Our learning discovery for April will include Easter Fun, My Body, The Week of the Young Child and Earth Week. Our little ones will be very busy throughout the month as we celebrate the fun of Easter time and explore our learning units through our senses. Reminder: Our Week of the Young Child Wacky Wednesday color is **BLUE**.

We'd like to send out a "Big Welcome" to our new friend Courtney and to Miss Tara as they both have recently joined our classroom. We are so happy to have you both "spring" into our learning time fun.

Spring Smiles!  
Miss Barb L, Miss Taylor and Miss Tara



### 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 yet. April will be a busy month for our friends as we focus on our themes of Five Senses, My Body, Farm, and April Showers.

Our two year olds have a lot going on as they continue to develop and become more independent. We will be exploring our different senses by doing some taste testing as well as smelling different scents. We will also listen to the sounds of spring and enjoy the feel of the new grass as it begins to arrive. We have been practicing our cutting and gluing skills and will continue to do so while making our creative art projects.

We would like to welcome our new friend, Maniah to our room and wish Drew good luck as he moves upstairs to join the Milkyways. Reminder our Wacky Wednesday color for April 18<sup>th</sup> is **PINK**.

Wishes for a Happy Spring!  
Miss Heather and Miss Alexis



### 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 5 Senses, April showers, Week of the Young Child and Earth Day.

We will start our month by learning and discovering our 5 senses with a variety of sensory activities such as music, tasting jelly beans and finger painting. During the Week of the Young Child we will celebrate what makes each of us special and unique! Reminder: Our Wacky Wednesday color on April 18<sup>th</sup> is **GREEN**. As we learn about our Mother Earth we will discuss different ways to keep it clean and learn why it is important to plant flowers and trees. Happy April Birthday wishes go out to our friend Kellan! We hope you have a great day.



Happy Spring!  
Miss Allie

### 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 Bugs, April Showers, The Week of the Young Child, and Earth Day. Our first theme will be all about bugs and we will use our creativity and imagination as we make fly swatter prints. During our April showers unit we will focus on mathematical thinking as we work with shapes to form spring pictures. As the Week of the Young Child arrives, we will learn all about self-esteem and how we are all unique and special. We will finish the month focusing on Earth Day while we help clean the earth by picking up garbage.

Reminder: Please send in family pictures if you have not already done so, we would love to fill our family wall. In addition, our Wacky Wednesday color is **YELLOW** for April 18<sup>th</sup>.

April promises to be an educational yet fun month. Happy Birthday wishes go to our friends Cameron, Carter and Madelyn this month. 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.

Blossoms & Blooms!

Miss Melody and Miss Barb S.



### From the Comet Room:

Welcome springtime weather! We are so excited to have the warmer weather so we can spend more time outside. We hope all of our friends enjoyed their spring break. Welcome back to those of you who were gone for the week. For those of you who stayed around for the week, we had a great time, thanks for the fun!

Our learning units for April are 5 Senses, Earth Day, The Week of the Young Child and April Showers. We have an assortment of fun and creative activities planned throughout the month.

A few reminders...The Week of the Young Child is April 16<sup>th</sup> through April 20<sup>th</sup>, please participate in our Wacky Wednesday theme that week of Color Wars. Our color is **RED**. Summer School bus transportation sign up is available in the office. Please sign up if you have not done so already. Our Summer Field Trip Program is in the works and will be out in early May.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to our friends Kyla, Carter, Bennett, Lukas, Abigail, Brielle, Hayden, Deysi, Carter V, Hadley and Libby. We hope you all have a spectacular day!

April Fun!

School Age Team

