

Small Wonders Learning Center

April Newsletter 2019



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 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 8th through April 12th

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:** **Pajama Day
- Friday:** **Trike-a-thon Day It will be "Fun Friday" at Small Wonders as we support St. Jude's Children's Hospital with our trike-a-thon fundraiser. Pledge forms are due April 12th.

Please take some time to walk around our Center and enjoy our art displays. We are also displaying at several locations in our community...the Milton Public Library, Paul Revere's Pizza, Rockie's Pizza & Subs, and the Milton Police Department/City Hall. We are very proud of all of our "Young Artists". They have made some wonderful projects!

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 24th, we would like everyone to wear blue in support of child abuse prevention. Thanks!

Items Needed: We are in need of sweatpants for our Extra Clothing supply. Occasionally we have friends who needs to borrow clothing due to spills, accidents, etc.. Over time, these items slowly deplete and we need to replenish our supply. If you have any gentle used sweatpants or pull on pants that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the office. We could use 3T and up, including some school age sizes. Thank you so much!

Extra Clothing: All of our non-school age friends should have an extra set of clothes at daycare. With the wet Spring weather here, it is easy for our friends to get wet when they are outside. Don't forget that our friends have grown a lot over the winter months so you may have to update your items so they fit.
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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.

Center Closed July 5th: The results are in from our recent survey: We will be closed Friday, July 5th. Families normally scheduled will be credited for this day.

Summer School Bus: Our Summer School bus is near full. If your child will be attending the Milton Summer School Program and needs busing to and from Small Wonders, please check with us to if room is available. 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 5th will not be accepted. The Bus and Class confirmations will be sent home in mid-April and the transportation fees will be deducted through Tuition Express on Tuesday, April 22nd.

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 Friday June 7th.

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 7th.

Reminder:: We are updating our Annual Registration/Personal Day program to be more streamlined. Annual Registration Fees and Personal Days will now occur in September for all of our families. Starting September 2019, everyone will be charged the annual anniversary fee and receive seven personal days to use through August 2020. Families that have an anniversary date in June, July, or August 2019 will be given a special option during this transition. As a reminder, personal days do not carry over from year to year.

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!

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. Our themes this month are Body, Week of the Young Child, Easter, and Family. 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 8th-12th) 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 welcome Alexa as she joins our room this month.



April Showers Will Bring May Flowers!

Miss Heather and Miss Barb L.



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 My Body, 5 Senses, Easter, and Family. 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 for April 10th is **BLUE**.

We'd like to wish Maizy good luck as she moves to the Moonbeam room.

Spring Smiles!

Miss Mandy and Miss Lyndsay



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 Spring Art, Week of the Young Child, Easter, and Weather.

Our two year olds have a lot going on as they continue to develop and become more independent. We will be listen to the sounds of spring and enjoy the feel of the new grass as it begins to arrive. We have been practicing our hand eye coordination and gluing skills and will continue to do so while making our creative art projects.

During the Week of the Young Child our class will be displaying their art work at the Milton Public Library. Please take a day out of the week and check out their amazing creations.

We would like to welcome our new friend, Maizy to our room! Reminder our Wacky Wednesday color for April 10th is **PINK**.

Wishes for a Happy Spring!

Miss Brittani and Miss Barb S.



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 Weather, Week of the Young Child, Easter, Pets, and Insects.

We will start our month by learning about the weather. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we see more sunshine and less clouds. ☺ During the Week of the Young Child we will celebrate what makes each of us special and unique. Be sure to check out our artwork display at Paul Revere's Pizza in Milton. Reminder: Our Wacky Wednesday color on April 10th is **GREEN**. As we learn about our Mother Earth we will discuss different ways to keep her clean and learn why it is important to plant flowers and trees. We would like to wish Cora good luck as she joins the Shooting Star classroom! We hope you have a great day.



Happy Spring!
Miss Melody

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 April Showers, Week of the Young Child, Easter and Earth Day. During our weekly themes we will use our creativity and imagination by making a classroom flower garden and "All About Me" books. 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. Don't forget to wear **YELLOW** on Wednesday, April 10th for Wacky Wednesday. During the Week of the Young Child our class will be displaying their artwork at Rockie's Pizza, in Milton. Be sure to stop by and check out their wonderful art pieces.

April promises to be an educational yet fun month. We are excited to welcome Cora B. to our classroom this month. We are looking forward to a wonderful month of fun activities, great friendships, and lots of exciting learning.

Blossoms & Blooms!
Miss Hannah, Miss Taylor, and Miss Kelly



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 Our 5 Senses, The Week of the Young Child, Easter and Earth Day. We have an assortment of fun and creative activities planned throughout the month.

A few reminders...The Week of the Young Child is April 8th through April 12th. Please participate in our Wacky Wednesday on April 10th, its Class Color Wars. Our color is **RED**. The Summer School 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. Once again, we have some awesome trips planned, including a few new ideas! ☺

Happy Birthday wishes go out to our friends Kyla, Carter, Bennett, Lukas, Deysi, Cameron, Wil, Jake and Libby. We hope you all have a spectacular day!



April Fun!
School Age Team