

APRIL 2021

NEWSLETTER

The child looks for his independence first, not because he does not desire to be dependent on the adult. But because he has in himself some fire, some urge, to do certain things and not other things. — The Theosophist by Maria Montessori

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 1: Easter egg hunt
- Apr 2: Parent-teacher conference (school closed)
- Apr 9: English speech recital
- May 3-7: Teacher appreciation week
- May 7: Mother's Day celebration
- May 31: School closed for Memorial Day

APRIL: BUGS, CREATURES, AND PLANT LIFE

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
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			LIFE CYCLE OF A FROG	NO SCHOOL! PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE
5	6	7	8	9
LIFE CYCLE OF A BUTTERFLY	REPTILES	CROCODILES VS ALLIGATORS	ANCIENT LIZARDS	INSECT CRAFT
12	13	14	15	16
CARNIVORES VS. HERBIVORES	OMNI-VORESTURTLES AND FROGS	AMPHIBIANS	FOSSILS	DINOSAUR CRAFT
19	20	21	22	23
LIFE CYCLE OF A PLANT	SUN/ WATER/ SOIL/ AIR	WHAT'S A RAINBOW?	FLOWER/PLANT OBSERVATIONS	SPRING CRAFT / FREE DRESS DAY
26	27	28	29	30
START A GARDEN	ANIMALS IN THE SPRING	WHAT'S A RAINBOW?	FLOWER/ PLANT OBSERVATIONS	SPRING CRAFT/ FREE DRESS DAY



For a fun, **spring food craft**, try these mini chick crackers!

Patterns – The kids can learn and remember, crackers on bottom, then the cheese, then the carrots. These types of pattern learning can help kids build critical reasoning skills, as well as mathematical skills.

Fine motor skills- Picking up each small piece for building the chick takes time to learn! This is something that toddlers are just beginning to grasp. Having these small pieces of food is great for finger movement and placement.

Counting (two eyes, one nose, etc.) I love counting ANYTHING we are building. The kids can make FOUR chicks, with EIGHT feet, FOUR noses, EIGHT eyes, and TWENTY feathers. Many opportunities for counting.

Shapes- Circles, rectangles, squares... these chicks have it all!

Ingredients

8 cracker crackers, whole-wheat
8 ounce cheddar cheese
1 cup carrots, baby
8 jumbo black olives, canned
1 cup spinach

Instructions

Lay out crackers on a plate or platter.

Cut cheese into circles that will fit in top of crackers. The best fit will be about 1/4 inch smaller. Place cheese on crackers.

Cut carrots into small sticks to resemble the chicks feathers on top of his head. Cut another carrot into 24 thin rounds. 16 will be used for the feet and 8 will be cut into triangles for the beaks.

Cut tiny pieces from an olive to make little eyes for each chick and then place some spinach leaves under each chick for a cozy spot to rest.

STAR STUDENT: CARTER!

Carter has been attending Discovery Montessori Academy for 4 years.

He has improved so much! He has been paying attention in class, helping his teacher and classmates. We are proud of you!



Refer a new family for full-time enrollment and receive \$100 tuition credit.

Refer a new family for part-time enrollment and receive \$50 tuition credit. Credit will be posted after your referred family has attended for one month.



SEEDS AND SOIL

DONATIONS REQUESTED

Our teachers are requesting donations of garden seeds and/ or organic potting soil. If you have any to donate, our teachers will appreciate it.



SUMMER CAMP

We are registering for summer camp for grades K-5. Early bird discounts include: free registration, free Chinese Language and Immersion Class, and tuition discounts! Chinese and Spanish classes will be offered online. Register by 4/15 for early bird discount!

TAX STATEMENTS

To access your tax receipt in Childpilot, click on Billing, then click on Tax Statement. Be sure to select the correct year and full year. Please let us know if you have any problems accessing your receipt.

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An article in *The Dallas Morning News* on March 19, 2021 reports that Kindergarteners who have not attended preschool for the last year are lagging behind.

DISD's youngest students off track

Despite lower goals because of pandemic, kindergarten readers lagging after pre-K disruptions

Some excerpts from the article:

“Only about 1 of every 4 kindergartners in the Dallas school district read on grade level”

“Children are off track this year because pre-K programs were disrupted last spring when the pandemic forced schools to shut down, education experts say. Many also had limited access to education opportunities over the summer.”

“At the start of the school year, DISD aimed for 55% of kindergarten students to score at or above grade level by the end of the year on reading assessments.”

“But results from a mid-February test given to nearly 7,350 kindergartners showed that just 28% were reading at those levels.”

“Results from the district’s assessment suggested that enrollment in pre-K made a difference in reading proficiency. The group of students who participated in pre-K tested 11 points higher than those who did not the previous year.”

Click [here](#) to read the entire article.