

## Center newsletter April 2018

Dear families, thank you for a wonderful April. We have survived the cold dark seasons and we are looking forward to enjoying a bright warm time of growth.

Special events from April...

### [FAMILY NIGHTS](#)

The toddler room had a great turn out for their night and the parents enjoyed learning more about what their children are learning during the day. Their focus was on messy play and building so they shared how the children are increasing all of their domains through active engaged play.

### [PARENT ACTIVITY CALENDAR](#)

We had many families participate in our April challenge. Each child received a book as their special prize. Check out the May calendar that is attached. The raffle will work the same way, after you do an activity as a family, fill out the raffle ticket with the child's name and the number of what you did. You can mix the calendar up and do what ever activity sounds exciting to you. Have fun trying something new or offering a special treat to a loved one. Go share the joy that is inside of you.

### [Week of the Young Child](#)

Thanks for all of the great ideas you shared on how you spend time with your wonderful children. What did you think of all of the special activities the classrooms did each day?

Mrs. Donna

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The Bumblebees,

This month, we've been busy making new friends. We have been practicing our sitting and balance. We also have one child who has been working on her standing. 😊

Mrs. Cheryl



The Ladybugs, The month of April we have been very busy in our classroom. In the beginning of the month we talked about how important our teeth are. We have been brushing our teeth everyday after lunch. The children have really enjoyed it and look forward to brushing their teeth, we have also added a song about teeth brushing during our circle time. One of our activities were using tooth brushes with paint. We mixed blue and white paint together so it looked like real toothpaste and the children painted on a piece of construction paper.

The “The week of the young child“ we did a special activity each day! On music Monday we made musical shaker’s, Tasty Tuesday each friend brought in a yummy snack to share. Work together Wednesday we made play dough, Artisty Thursday we did some painting, and Friday we talked about our families and what they may be doing.

We have also been talking about spring and the weather getting nicer outside. We made some green hand prints for grass. We did some blot painting, using all kinds of colors to create a beautiful butterfly and we made some caterpillars using Pom poms. Spring is in the air.

Mrs. Tina & Mrs. Leslie



The Glowworms,

This month we have been working on lots of different things. Miss Kat has been helping the children work together to grow some plants in our classroom. The children will have some more responsibility as they will need to water and check on our plants daily to make sure they get plenty of sun ! With planting and Spring comes a lot of bugs. Bug exploration has been a big focus with the children. Hunting for bugs, painting with fake bugs and exploring bug skeletons are a few things we have been doing.

We have also been rocking our story telling theme during circle. After our wonderful workshop presented by Shaun the storyteller it really struck a chord with us as to step up our story telling game. We have been implementing a lot of different ways to make stories fun and exciting. Next we are going to talk about characters, setting and plot.

Summer is almost here! Please make sure you sign our sunscreen permission slip. We are also asking for extra clothes, a bathing suit, sun hats and a water bottle.

Mrs. Amber & Ms. Kat



The Dragonflies:

We had a busy month studying Rainbows. The children really enjoyed learning how mixing colors can make brand new ones to explore! Our

favorite was definitely watching what happens when sunlight reflects off of cd's, prisms, etc. The room has a new burst of color this month.

The warmer weather has allowed for more time outside. The class works together to create ramps, ice cream shops, police cars and so much more. The three year old teachers have also shared their outdoor reading and art area with us.

We attended an amazing story telling training with Mr. Shawn and it definitely encouraged us to bring more than just book reading to the children at story time. We have begun to add props baskets and more to our library.

Thank you to everyone who has begun to bring in your sun block and bug spray. Be sure to prepare for the warmer weather by bringing in sun hats, t-shirts, shorts for the afternoons.

Mrs. Wendy & Ms. Courtney



The Hawks.

Before school the kids are very interactive with each other and the younger children. The big game this month has been checkers. For the 1st half of the month the children were creating their own checker boards. Then we were able to get 3 complete games. Now we can have multiple games occurring at the same time.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, we were able to go outside several mornings. The children love having extra space to play freeze tag and lava games.

After school the kids have been going outside and have been very interactive with one another. Their favorite afternoon game is tag, they formed two bases together which are the stage and the structure. Another

game they like to play is football, they create teams and in zones. They share the ball well and all take turns throwing to their team mates.

The last two photos are when all the children asked for a group shot. They had huddled in the corner one day and asked if we could take their pictures. After a couple serious pictures then did a silly picture.

Ms. Lyn & Ms. Alissa





## Planning for April

[UPCOMING EVENTS](#)



## FAMILY NIGHTS

We had 2 classrooms that needed to postpone their family nights. Both will happen from 5:30-6:30. We want you to be able to concentrate so please, no children.

May 2nd - come visit the 3 year old room to see their opening invitations & morning meeting, be ready to sing and learn

May 3rd - come visit the 4/5s classroom for a special activity

## PARENT ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Check out our MAY calendar (we will send a better copy later)... we hope you like the ideas, the Dragonflies helped us come up with them when asked "what fun activities would you like to do at home with mom & dad?"

Enrichment Center						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Leave a chocolate on your partners pillow	2 Collect items for a special project	3 Have a parade to a friends house	4 Have a PJ party	5 Do a special project
6 Hike a new mountain or trail	7 Play outside	8 Call a friend to set up a play-date	9 <b>Speed clean</b> (See below)	10 Make cookies together	11 Make a special treat for a loved one	12 Take a walk together
13 Give hugs to your family	14 Check out a new library	15 Have a game night	16 Call a love one to say "hi"	17 Make a special dinner together	18 Have a popcorn party	19 Go to an activity park to jump around
20 Go fly a kite (See below)	21 Buy flowers for your partner	22 Dust for fun	23 Blot paint some butterflies	24 Draw a special picture for a loved one	25 Have a movie night	26 Make trail mix
27 Explore a new park (See below)	28 Finger paint	29 <b>Scavenger hunt</b> (See below)	30 Do an art project	31 Play catch or tag		

  

<b>EVENTS</b> Local Playgrounds	<b>10th Annual Kites Against Cancer</b> Hampton Beach 11:00 - 03:00 PM <a href="http://www.parentsnorth.com/Calendar/index.php?n">http://www.parentsnorth.com/Calendar/index.php?n</a>	<b>Speed clean (clean the house):</b> set a timer for 5 minutes, each person gets 1 bag or box and they have to put as many items in it as they can and then find "good homes" for the objects before the timer goes off
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