

Nicky's Nest Newsletter



A newsletter for the kids of the
CCMC Med 4 Pediatric Oncology & Hematology Division

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Spring 2020

Special events during the week:

Tuesday

-3pm Pictionary on MeTV

Wednesday

-3pm Bingo on MeTV
-Ice Cream Cart

Thursday

-Theme Day
with Crafts & Activities

Friday

3pm Bingo on MeTV

Saturday

-Stay Positive Saturday
-Art Cart

What's New in Nicky's Nest

IT'S SPRING IN NICKY'S NEST!

Here in Nicky's Nest, we are so excited to be in the spring season! There are a lot of fun holidays to celebrate together. Now that it's getting warmer outside and flowers are starting to bloom, we can finally create spring crafts and activities together! Even though there has been some changes over the last few months, we never let them stop the fun. Since the playroom has not been open at this time, we knew we had to bring Nicky's Nest to the kids! Nicky's Nest takes flight and brings toys, games, and activities to each room. Theme Day Thursday continues to bring a sense of fun and silliness to the unit for all! The staff have been a huge part of the fun by participating in our theme days and making the hallways come to life. It is inspiring to see everyone come together and find creative ways to bring smiles to the kids!

Theme Day Thursdays

OUT OF THIS WORLD DAY

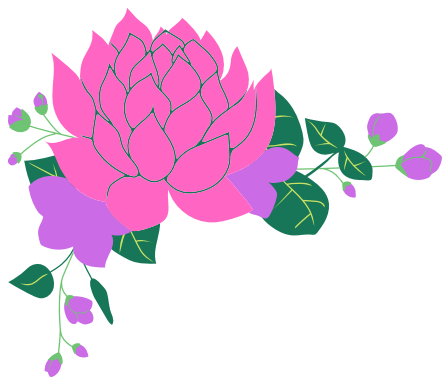
Nicky's Nest brought outer space to the kids with light up galaxy stress balls, coloring pages and a variety of crafts; they even made their own astronaut! The staff participated with their space day shirts and scrubs. Everyone had a blast!



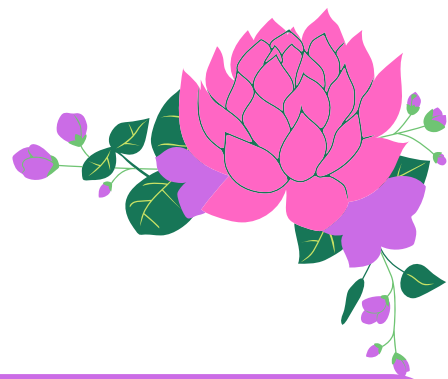
Superhero Day

The staff and kids loved superhero day! They all received masks to decorate. We handed out superhero packets and capes. We loved seeing their creativity shine as they imagined their own super hero abilities!



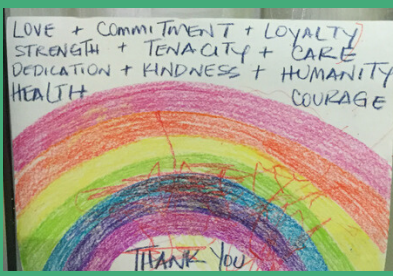


Spring Time



Spring is here! We had a great time celebrating new growth, bright sunshine, and nice weather. We had so many fun crafts and activities to do. We handed out plastic eggs with stickers and stamps inside so everyone could have an egg hunt. We made special craft kits for Mother's Day, where they made flower pots and created their own poem. We had hot air balloon suncatchers, spring time activity packets, and more! The nurses and kids even colored some flowers to decorate the nurse's station.

Our little ones love to go for wagon rides around the unit. Lucy has so much fun making music and watching movies while mom pulls her. She loves having the staff and other kids wave hello to her in the hall. She brings joy to everyone she meets!



LET YOUR CREATIVITY SHINE

WE LOVE BRINGING ART SUPPLIES TO THE KIDS SO THEY CAN DECORATE THEIR ROOMS AND DOORS TO MAKE IT SUPER SPECIAL FOR ALL TO SEE!

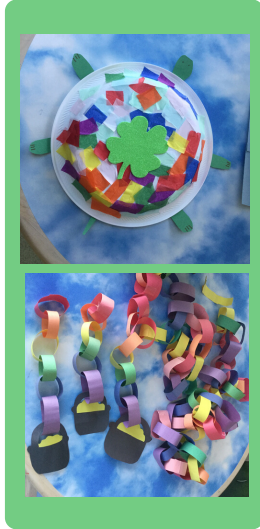


The kids love using window markers to draw on their glass doors and leave positive messages! Rainbows are everywhere on the unit to brighten up the halls. We all inspire each other each and every day!



SPECIAL EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS

ST. PATTY'S DAY



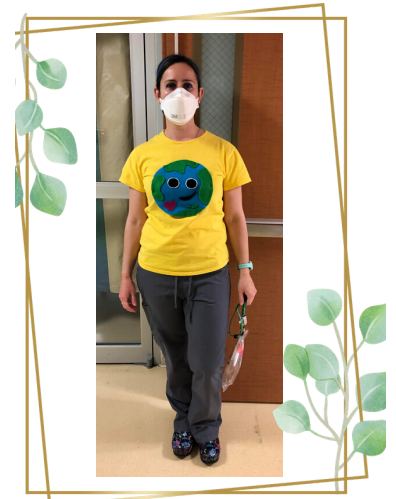
We had a great time celebrating St. Patrick's Day! The kids had a blast painting wooden shamrocks to hang up in their rooms. Everything we did was full of color! They made rainbow chains with pots of gold and one of the nurses drew St. Patty's day themed window art all over our unit!



For Earth Day the kids made glitter earth mosaics. When they were done, they hung them on their doors for everyone to see. We also handed out special Earth Day activity packets full of word searches, coloring, and writing prompts!



Even the nurses got involved! Nurse Christie decided to dress up and made her own Earth Day shirt out of recycled felt material. We have unbelievably creative staff on our floor!



POSITIVITY CORNER

WHAT MAKES YOU

BRAVE?

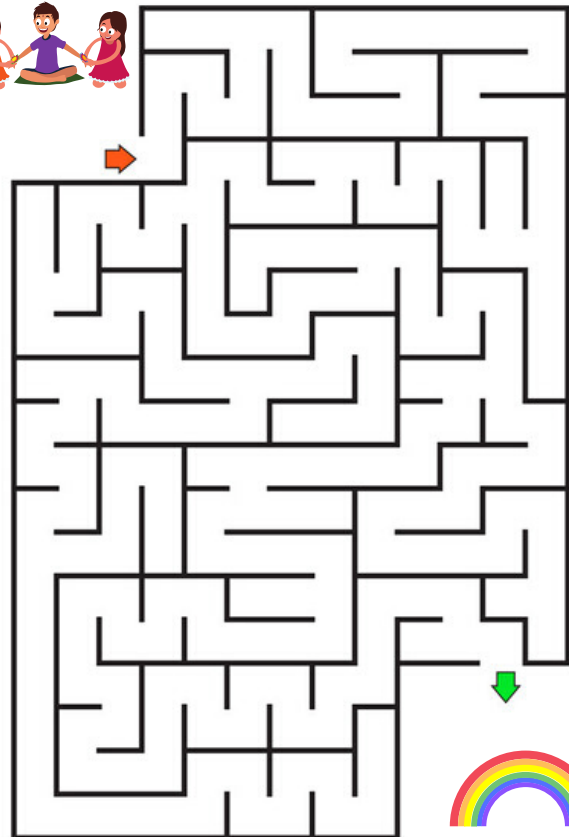
When times get hard and we don't know what's next, it's important to look for the silver lining. After every storm a rainbow appears, bringing light and bright colors to show hope.

Being brave can mean so many different things to different people. Every time you do something you love, you are brave. When you try something new, you are brave. When something seems hard or scary but you move forward anyway, you are brave. When you tell yourself "I can do this", you are brave. When you take a chance no matter what others say, you are brave.

Here on MEd 4 we are all brave. In Nicky's Nest our motto is "Fight hard, smile big". Here, we create a place for kids to have fun, be themselves, and do what they love.

Fight hard, smile big

Sometimes life can feel like a maze.
Let's get through it together!



"Medical play helps her understand what the nurses are doing to help her feel better, and it's fun!"