

## Center newsletter March 2018

Dear families, we wanted to share with you some exciting things that have been happening in our center this month. We love seeing all of the new skills the children have developed. Below is a quick snapshot of each classroom showing some of the activities that have happened in the month of March.

What an exciting month we had as a center. One big accomplishment was introducing the "at school" tooth brushing program. We cant wait to see what April will bring other than no snow.

Mrs. Donna

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In the infant room, the Bumblebees, we used our gross motor skills to reach for items, rattle noise makers, and play on our tummies. All classrooms were asked to decorate folders for a child care teacher workshop, our class chose to paint. Look at our happy faces as we touched and smeared the paint. Interacting with our friends is very important so we spend a lot of time laying down near each other and sharing toys.

Mrs. Cheryl



In the toddler room, the Ladybugs, we have introduced brushing our teeth into our school day, HURRAY! We are learning and practicing caring for our teeth. Each day, after nap, we brush our teeth, "The front, the sides, the back, the front; to keep the decay away," just like in the new song we are learning about brushing our teeth.

We are also practicing helping others and asking for help ourselves, when needed. We may not have all the words to ask but we love how good it feels when we help someone else or a friend helps us. Trying our best and offering a helping hand, when needed, both play major roles in our growing and developing.

Our friends are really enjoying reading books! Some friends are even bringing stories from home to share with their friends. One of our friends brought in "How to catch a leprechaun" by Sue Fliess, to share for St.



Patrick's Day. Together we went on the adventure of trying to trap a leprechaun, but that tricky Liam the Leprechaun got away!

Mrs. Tina & Mrs. Leslie



In the 3 yr old room, the Glowworms, we have been talking about our teeth! We started brushing our teeth every day after lunch, so we decided to build a curriculum around it to get the kids educated and excited about this part of our day. During our group chats we talk about cavities, plaque and the different ways to keep our teeth and gums happy. A great way the children respond to these bigger vocabulary words is by turning them into a science project for the children to be able to see. Ms. Amber did a science project with soda that shows the effects of sugar on teeth by soaking eggs in soda. Ms. Kat grew plaque in a jar, eww! Our children really take in what we say when we do these neat experiments!



Now, the children cant wait to brush their teeth after lunch!

Mrs. Amber & Ms. Kat



In the 4/5 yr old room, the Dragonflies, we have been talking about the ocean and animals that live under the sea. The children have been really interested in investigating the different animals by taking a closer look with magnifying glasses and exploring with their five senses. Our sink and float activity was based on the interest of how the animals swim in the ocean. Our STEM area has sea glass, shells, rocks and drift wood for the children to weigh, touch and measure which was an amazing experience to watch. Painting was a big success this month, we were able to use different materials such as tin foil to real give the children a different art experience that they were really excited about.

Mrs. Wendy & Ms. Courtney





Our before/after school program is now called the Hawks.

Before school they are very interested in creating structures and towns with legos at the table and large wooden blocks on the floor. Several friends start their morning with a quick snack before playing in the house keeping section. We had some amazing pretend breakfast items.

After school they are continuing to explore gravity with building projects. They have also been doing science experiments. Last week they worked with Mrs. Donna to create a picture that would light up. They used 'metal' pencils and electricity to make a car light up. What a great STEM project.

Ms. Lyn & Ms. Alissa





## Planning for April

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri April 6 - wear blue to show support for National Child Abuse Prevention Month #WearBlueDayNH

Tue April 10 - center is closed so teacher may attend the Early Childhood Professionals Celebration where center teachers will receive their teaching credentials. Congratulations to every teacher for helping us achieve the Team Challenge.

### FAMILY NIGHTS

In April, each class will be hosting an open house for families. We encourage all families to come visit the center and spend time 'working' like their children do everyday. Stay tuned for more information about this

fun event.

Each classroom will have their event on a different day to allow parents to have time to experience each classroom. The dates are April 2nd - infants..... April 9th - toddlers.....April 18th - 3s.....April 16-4/5s -

The event will start at 5:30 and run for 1 hour. This is a chance for you to do a project, use a manipulative, or experience a center as your child. Teachers will be available for general questions about the activity and the classroom. If you are interested in an individual 15 minute conference, we will be excited to schedule a future time to meet.

We will be able to provide childcare for when the infant, toddlers, and 3s have their events.

### **PARENT ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

Want a fun quick activity? Check out the link below for a calendar of easy and exciting activities. Then in April, look in the foyer for a way to record which activities you tried and what your family thought of each activity. We are looking to celebrate many families experiencing new adventures.

Please let us know your favorites.

[http://www.nhchildrenstrust.org/sites/default/files/documents/parent\\_calendar\\_april\\_2018.pdf](http://www.nhchildrenstrust.org/sites/default/files/documents/parent_calendar_april_2018.pdf)

### **Week of the Young Child**

April 16th - 20th is a very important week it is "*The Week of the Young Child*"™ (this) is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, and families." See more info at <http://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/overview> Each day will focus on a different theme: Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Family Friday. We are planning a special event for each day. Please share any suggestions your family celebrates these themes; what are you going to try at home?