

Family Connection

FAA/DOT Child Development Center

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From the Director

We've had a pretty mild winter, yet summer seems a long way off. It is truly right around the corner. Space in our summer program for school-agers is limited. Please see Ms. Sharleen or Ms. Anita for further information.



Happy Spring to all as we look forward to the warmer weather!

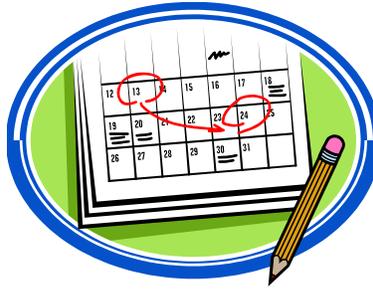
From the Board of Directors

The Board is hard at work updating our employee handbook as part of our annual review process. We currently have some vacancies on the Board, please let Ms. Sharleen know if you are interested in joining the Board.

Warmly,
Layla Asplen
President, Board of Directors

5 Ways to Teach about Spring

- 1. Splash in the puddles.** Have them put on their rain boots and allow them to splash in the melting snow. Explain to them that when the weather gets warmer, all of the snow (or ice) melts into water, creating puddles.
- 2. Stand still and listen.** Have them tell you what they hear, such as birds, squirrels, planes, vehicles going by, and other noises. Teach them that when spring comes around, the birds and other animals also come out and play. Take a walk to the library and explain to them what hibernation is and how animals fall asleep during the winter and come out in the spring.
- 3. Examine trees.** Use a specific tree for the entire spring season to pinpoint a timeline of when the flowers bloom. Track them on a chart, and teach them that with warmer weather, the flowers and grass starts to grow and bloom again.
- 4. Make a bird feeder.** The easiest method with a toddler is to use a simple milk carton and hang out in the backyard.
- 5. Plant something in a garden.** Start by getting them dirty the natural way. Give them a plastic shovel and encourage them to dig a small hole in the ground. Let them count the amount of seeds you give them, then and have the drop them down into the hole. Teach them how to use a water sprayer. Have them go out and spray the plant throughout Spring.



Mark Your Calendars...



Dr. Seuss' Birthday
Monday, March 2, 2020

Discovery Theater
Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood
Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Tuition Due
Tuesday, March 10, 2020

St. Patrick's Day
Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Story Time at the Archives
Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Discovery Theater
Once Upon a Moon
Friday, March 20, 2020

Tuition Due
Tuesday, March 24, 2020



This Month's Birthdays

Theodore T. – March 1st

Ms. Anita – March 22nd

Carter C. – March 27th

Ms. Darnetta – March 31st

Refer a Friend

Do you have a friend who, like you places a high priority on their children's education? Then let them know about our center so their child can benefit from our great educational program too! When you help us spread the word to your friends, you both win!

- You get a week's free tuition for your child.
- Your friend gets free registration.

Tell your friends about our outstanding program and give them our contact information. There's no limit to the number of referrals you can make. Space is however limited in several classes. See a member of the administration team for details.



Curriculum Corner

A good learning environment allows children to achieve and practice developmental tasks of the early years.

FAA/DOT CDC provides your child with an environment offering a variety of choices to respond to their individual interests, with blocks of time for developing their ideas.

INFANTS – Happy Early Spring! We are so excited as the anticipation for spring has been with us for what seems like a lifetime. We are ready for outside play, buggy rides and nature play! There will be a lot of bright colors used in our art, themes immersed in St. Patrick's Day, Spring\Nature (Wind) and celebrations that include Dr. Seuss's birthday. This month, each child in our room is working on various developmental skills that range from rolling, crawling, walking, etc. So, we will be doing many activities that will improve these areas. So, we hope that we will receive much of your assistance in the development of your child. We can't wait to see them grow even more!

- Infant Suite

TODDLER I – As our toddlers jump into new month, new opportunities present themselves. Our toddlers will experience the wonders of the changing seasons. We will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday as we bring his books to life. The toddlers will enjoy the special times exploring and learning new things. Spring approaches, and we will identify different seasonal changes.

TODDLER II – With the days getting longer and Spring time just around the corner we leap into March with a renewed sense of excitement! We will start the month off with a birthday celebration for Dr. Seuss on Monday March 2nd. Our themes for this month is wind, spring into Nature and St. Patrick's Day. Please remember to download the Kids Report App so that you can receive information on your child's day.

Happy March Everyone
The toddler 2 team.

PRESCHOOL I – Highlights for the month of March: Welcome to the brand new month! As we March into Spring, our children will the wonders of the changing season. First, they will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. Our children will enjoy the rhyme and the messages. Next, we will explore the March winds as they learn about windmills, pinwheels, kites and windsock. They'll also learn about the wonders of spring in nature.

Happy Spring!!

PRE-KINDERGARTEN – Spring is finally in front of us and we are looking to take advantage of a great season. With Dr. Seuss's Birthday coming soon, we will be reading books and other fun activities to help celebrate. As a reminder with the weather starting to break soon please dress students accordingly for trips that we may be taking.

Parent Association News



Please stay tuned for our upcoming Spring meeting.

Policy Reminder

Spring means warmer weather, which means more field trips! The children and teachers love to explore all the history and museums that we are so fortunate to have close by. Each parent signed a Travel Authorization Form giving consent for your child to participate in field trips. Field trips are scheduled in advance, your child's teacher will do their best to give you advance notice and departure times of all field trips and also if inclement weather cancels a trip. Please ensure that you have turned in your updated form. Children without the 2020 update will not be permitted on field trips.



Evacuation Locations

Primary Site

GSA Building (Russell Office Building)
7th & D Streets, SW Basement Safe Room (G212)
Washington, DC

Secondary Site

St. Dominic's Church
630 E Street, SW
Washington, DC

Command Center Phone Numbers

202-267-8829
202-267-8830
202-267-8833
202-493-5333

Parent wardens are needed to help the children exit the building during evacuation practice and building fire alarms. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tyrie Hudson, FAA Safety Occupational Health Coordinator at tyrie.hudson@faa.gov. Your help would be much appreciated.

Kudos Corner

Thank you for joining us for our annual Mardi Gras celebration last month. The family participation was awesome!!

