

APRIL NEWSLETTER 2025



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April Happenings at the Nest



"April Showers Bring May Flowers," Springtime, Earth Day and More"

The children and staff always welcome SPRING, and we are sure you do too! We go outside for exploration walks (looking for signs of spring), and we CAN GO TO THE PLAYGROUND on a regular basis! Please make sure your child wears "safe" shoes or sneakers for outside play. If your child insists on wearing sandals or open shoes, please put a pair of sneakers in his/her backpack. The mulch on the playground can become a nuisance. During Sing Time, the children will be practicing our show songs and then celebrate spring by learning new songs about Butterflies, Bumblebees and Flowers.

Important April Dates...



April will be another busy and exciting month... get your calendars ready...

April 1st - Topsy Turvy Tuesday-To Celebrate April Fools' Day, wear silly or original clothing, inside out, upside down etc. Classes A/A+, B, E/E+, D/E, H/H-3, I/I+ & K/K-2.

April 2nd – Wacky Wednesday - To Celebrate April Fools' Day, wear silly or original clothing, inside out, upside down etc. Classes C, D/D+, D/E, F/F+ & J/J+.

April 9th- Bluebird's Curds & Whey Café – Class J/J+ @ 10:00

April 11th – Bluebird's Curds & Whey Café – Class F/F+ @ 10:00

April 14th – April 21st – School Closed for Spring Break. School reopens on Tuesday, April 22nd.

April 24th & 25th- Celebrate Earth Day! Wear Blue Jeans-Planting today in our gardens. (Weather Permitting)

April 28th – May 2nd - 3rd Annual Scholastic Book Fair

April 28th - School Show @ 4:30pm Classes C, H/H-3 & J/J+

April 29th – School Show @ 4:30pm Classes A/A+, B, E+, D/E & I/I+

April 30th – School Show @ 4:30pm Classes D+, D/E, F/F+ & K/K-2
May 1st & 2nd - Ice Cream Sundae Cast Parties



Duckling Animal Workshop



In March, the Duckling classes learned many things about all kinds of animals: Pets, Farm Animals, Forest Animals, and Jungle Animals. During their Animal Workshop, the Ducklings visited 5 interesting and fun stations and learned even more fun facts through games and stories.



Bluebird Scientist Workshop

The children in the Bluebird classes learned how to think like a scientist, while learning big words like "Matter", "Hydrophobic" & "Reactions". They conducted their own experiments, used microscopes and learned about the "Scientific Method".



Cardinal's Artist Workshop

The Cardinals have been studying a different artist each month since the school year began. During the month of March, the Cardinals spent a morning in an Artist workshop, again studying the styles and techniques of artists like Georgia O'Keefe, Michelangelo, Henri Moore and The Artist in Me. Fun was had by all.

Thank you to all our parent volunteers!

Bluebirds Curds & Whey Café



The Bluebird Classes F/F+ & J/J+ will host their Curds & Whey Café. They will Invite 2 guests who will enjoy a lovely brunch. The children will serve their guests brunch and drinks and then entertain them with Nursery Rhymes and Songs. This Is a special day where children learn new skills and new friendships are made. Look for your special Invitation.

Wednesday, April 9th @ 10:00 am Class J/J+

Friday, April 11th @ 10:00 am Class F/F+



A Little Caterpillar Turns into a Beautiful Butterfly...

To Celebrate Spring and Life we thought it would be wonderful and fun for the children to see Caterpillars turn into Butterflies. Using "Box Tops" fundraising money, we have purchased "Butterfly Houses". In late April there will be caterpillars, food and the accessories we need. The children will take care of the caterpillars by naming them and feeding them. During

Sing time the children will sing songs about Butterflies. Once the caterpillars have turned into the Butterflies each class will have a Butterfly Release Day. We will keep you posted.



The Chickens at the Nest go "Cluck, Cluck, Cluck"

We will also look forward to the arrival of our chickens and chicken coop. We will help take care of the chickens for 30 days starting on April 28th. We will feed them, give them water and collect the eggs daily.



April is Sculpting Month...

In April, the children will be developing their fine & gross motor muscles and their creative abilities as they sculpt their very own clay creations. Each age group will do hand and arm exercises to get ready to use those muscles. Special gloves will be available for those children who do not like "touching" things. They will learn what a potter is, how to wedge, cut and knead clay. The children will display their clay creations in the hallway on May 5th & 6th.

Have a Safe, Healthy and Happy Spring Break!

