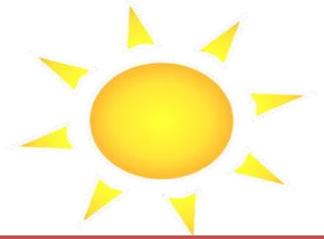




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April Newsletter

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Did You Know???

NOW ENROLLING
CHILDREN AGES 6 YEARS TO 12 YEARS

SUMMER CAMP
\$30 PER DAY/ \$125 PER WEEK
INCLUDES MEALS AND FIELD TRIPS

***MUST ENROLL BY 4/30/2015**
TO LOCK IN THIS SPECIAL RATE

Kids say the funniest things.....

In classroom 2, Mrs. Lisa was reading the book *Diary of a Worm*. During the story the worm forgets his lunch at home and gets so hungry, that he eats his homework. A little boy in class then said "worms don't eat homework, dogs do."

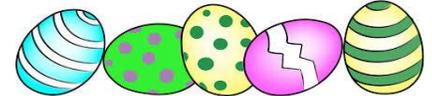
Family Engagement/ Parent Education Opportunities

Date: Thursday, April 16th
Time: 6:30-8:30
Location: Watch Me Grow
Presenter: Brandie Heiseler

*Child Care and Refreshments provided

Easter Egg Dyeing Tips:

McCormic Lookbook Recipe's



Tie Dye Eggs

Tip: Place several eggs in a colander in the kitchen sink. Splash eggs with vinegar. Drop yellow food color onto eggs. Gently shake the colander for a few seconds to help the color spread. Let stand 30 seconds. Repeat with 1 or 2 additional food colors. After the final stand time, lightly rinse eggs with water. Drain completely.

Marbleized Eggs

Tip: Mix 1/4 cup boiling water, 1 teaspoon vinegar, 1/8 teaspoon oil and 4 to 8 drops food color in shallow bowl. Repeat for each color. Gently roll egg in mixture for 30 seconds or until egg is desired shade. Transfer the egg to a second color mixture and repeat the process. Allow the egg to dry completely. Wipe away any excess oil with a paper towel. Allow eggs to dry.

Two Toned Eggs

Tip: Dip top half of hard-cooked egg in 1 color and the bottom half in another. Or, dip each half of the egg in the dye for different lengths of time, creating different shades of the same color.

Personalized Eggs

Tip: Write initials, names or draw pictures on the egg with a white or light colored crayon before dyeing.

Painted Eggs

Tip: Mix 20 drops food color and 1/2 teaspoon vinegar in small container. Paint hard-cooked eggs with a small paintbrush or cotton swab. Go wild with stripes, polka dots and zigzags.

This Month's Curriculum Themes

The April monthly curriculum theme is Bugs, Butterflies and Gardening. Each week, the teachers will focus on a different topic pertaining to the month's theme. The children will learn the differences between an insect and a spider, as well as learn to identify "body" parts of an insect. Classrooms will discuss the life cycle of a caterpillar to a butterfly.

Children will also learn about gardening in the spring. One of the most important lessons a young child can learn from gardening is an understanding of where food comes from. Children are more likely to take an interest in trying vegetables they have grown themselves. Each child will partake in planting and caring for their own classroom vegetable garden.

In the bugs and butterflies unit, children will learn new vocabulary words such as habitat, insect, antennae, metamorphosis, and chrysalis. In the gardening unit, vocabulary will include soil, root, stem, and harvest. They will play games, read stories and sing songs to help them learn more information about the theme.

Please review the monthly center activity calendar. We have a number of special events and activities this month

Spoonful –Courtesy of Disney

Pita Rabbit

What you'll need

- Pita bread
- Peanut butter
- Marshmallow fluff
- Red jam
- Pretzels



How to make it

1. Separate small pita bread into two circles by inserting a butter knife between the layers from the outer edge and then carefully cutting around the circumference. Use one circle for the bunny's face and cut the other into halves for the ears.
2. Arrange the pieces on the plate. Spread with peanut butter and Marshmallow Fluff. With the butter knife, gently swirl a bit of red jam into the marshmallow to create a pink nose. Add two dollops of jam for eyes and pretzel sticks for whiskers.

Daily Parenting Tip

Chores for Preschoolers

There are lots of ways young children can help around the house; even a two year old can learn to put away their own pajamas. Involving children in family jobs helps develop a sense of cooperation and team work in a family. Children who grow in responsibility also grow in self-esteem (a prerequisite for achievement in the real world). Whenever possible, turn work into fun. Responsible kids feel good about themselves. The best way to keep a household running smoothly is to ensure everyone in the house knows what is expected of them. By including your child in this shared sense of responsibility, you are instilling the values of family unity and teamwork within your child. It is extremely important that the chores you select for your child should be age-appropriate. As a parent, find ways to incorporate responsibility into your child's life and to teach and encourage them to see tasks through.

•Assess your child's skill level, what are they capable of doing?

•Only assign age-appropriate tasks for your child to complete, otherwise you will be automatically setting them up for failure.

•Sit down and make a list of chores that need to be done by everyone. Encourage your child to think of things around the house that they think they can do. This will give your child a sense of control. They are also more likely to stick with a chore that they volunteered for, or particularly enjoy doing.

Getting started

•Do not overwhelm your child with too many chores. This can be very daunting, especially if they are getting this kind of responsibility for the first time.

•Personally demonstrate what you want them to actually do for every new task or chore. Show them exactly what is to be done and how, try and make it fun. Can they do it to music?

•Set a time limit that is age appropriate e.g. sweeping these leaves for 5 minutes and use a timer. Supervise them until they have mastered it.

Inspirational quote.....

“Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you.”

Robert Fulghum