



News Letter

April 2017

Our Lady's Child Care Center

This month we celebrate Good Friday, Easter, Earth Day, and The Week of the Young Child. April is also Autism awareness month, we want to recognize all those that are touched by Autism Spectrum diagnoses.

We will have lots of fun activities for the children April 24th-April 28th

We are closed Patriot's Day 4/17. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. The staff take part in professional development twice a year and this is one such occasion.

We are holding a parent meeting on April 25th, from 5:30-7 pm. The meeting will focus on our upcoming 10 years anniversary in September. To alleviate the stress of a Tuesday evening meeting we will be offering childcare to those in attendance. We will have pizza and healthy snacks and lots of fun for the kiddos. The more involvement we get from you, our families, the better our 10 year celebration will be. Look for parent meeting sign-up sheets next to the parent sign-in sheets.

The warmer weather is coming, make sure your child has weather appropriate spare clothes in their cubbies. Please take home all winter clothing, snow pants, boots, mittens and such.

A reminder for the school age families, we are back to walking to and from school! We are looking forward to getting some energy out and getting some exercise. Please remember to make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather, it's still chilly in the mornings. As always No umbrellas and No sandals or open toed shoes.

A sign-up sheet for Good Friday and school age April vacation care (4/18-4/21) will be out, please remember to sign up for care.

Next month is our St. Jude Trike-a-Thon, May 5th. Every year we ask for parent volunteers and this year is no exception, we need your help! This event is always a lot of fun for the kids and volunteers. Please let your child's teacher or Perri know if you are interested in volunteering.

We want parents to be aware of our staff appreciation boards. Some of you may already know about them, but with so many new families we wanted to reiterate. Each building has its' own board and an envelope filled with blank papers that you can use to write down appreciative messages for our staff. The board in the infant/toddler building is located on the right-hand foyer wall, and the preschool/school-age board is to the right of the central bathroom.

Blue Room – Beth and Felicia

Well we were hoping that spring weather would be here, but unfortunately winter has decided to stay around a little longer. Well maybe by May good weather will arrive, we can only hope.

During the month we will not only be talking about Easter we will also be working with each child on many skills such as; rolling over, crawling, pulling up, self-feeding, scooting, sitting, along with many other skills.

We will also say goodbye to one of our elder statesmen who is ‘graduating’ to the yellow room. We will miss her and her big smile so, but we know she will enjoy her new adventures and reconnecting with old friends.

Please remember to bring weather appropriate outerwear for your child as we will go outside when able to.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to call. Happy Easter!

Yellow Room- Lisa and Amy

This month brings with it several transitions for our room. First we wish our old friends good luck on moving up to the green room. We also welcome new friends from the yellow room. This month we will be learning about frogs, spring insects, Easter and April showers. Please make sure to send extra clothes with the nicer weather coming.

Green Room – Ivette and Cassie

Welcome Spring!

The Green Room is very happy spring is here so we can enjoy our warm weather! This month we are going to be talking about spring, Easter, pets and flowers! We will be making caterpillars with fruitloops and paper plate butterflies. For Easter we will be dying Easter eggs and talking about the meaning of Easter! While learning about pets we will be making hand print cats and paper plate dogs! For the end of the month we will

fill our room with flowers and talk about the different parts of the flower. We will also be bringing in different flowers for the children to see and smell!

Room 1- Jon

This month we are going to think spring and start some seedlings for our gardens at home. We are going to decide what we want to grow. We are going green for Earth Day! We will talk about the three R’s; reducing, reusing and recycling. We will make some artistic masterpieces with recycled materials. We are looking forward to seeing signs of spring and we are looking forward to warmer weather and walking to and from school.

Room 2- Brittany and Doreen

Spring has finally sprung! We are all very excited for the warm weather and spring changes. This month we will begin by learning about flowers and we will look at all different kinds of flowers throughout the week. We will also be learning about bugs, and maybe even be able to catch a few with our bug catcher. Next will learn about Easter and we will talk about why we celebrate it. Lastly this month we will learn about Earth Day. We will learn how we can help keep our planet nice and clean..

Room 3- Jessica and Angela

Spring is finally here and we are planning to do many fun and spring-filled themes during the month of April. For the first we are going to be learning about gardening. We are going to be learning about the different parts of a flower, what plants need to grow, and also we will be working of starting some seeds to move outside when the weather gets warmer. The following week we will be learning about Easter. For this theme we are going to be having an egg hunt, and also be playing with plastic eggs and baskets in dramatic play. For art this week we will be making stain

glass crosses, bunnies, and coloring eggs. For the third week in April we will be learning about Earth Day. During this week we will be talking about ways to help protect the Earth and different items that can be recycled. We will also be going on a walk to collect trash. For one of the art projects this week we will be creating art from recycled materials. For the last week of the month we are going to be learning about caterpillars and butterflies and learning about their life cycles.

Room 4– Nikki and Jen

Room 4 is very excited that spring is finally here! We can't wait for the warmer weather! We will start the month off talking about baby animals. Get ready for some cuteness overload with all the adorable baby animal art! The next week we will have an Easter theme. We will have lots of Easter fun and we will also be talking about new life. Earth Day is April 22nd. We will talk about recycling and the importance of taking care of our Earth. We will end the month with a bird theme. We will have lots more fun learning about different types of birds.

Room 5- Cassie

Wow, did March go by fast! Room 5 is very happy that it's finally spring. We will spend a lot of time this month talking about Earth, recycling and the little things that we can do to help keep our planet clean. It has been 3 YEARS since we made our trash water! This year we will be comparing what the trash we have in the trash bucket to the trash that is new trash to see what the difference has been over the past 3 years. We will also be learning about weather! We will be discussing different types of weather as well as what to do during severe weather.

From the Director's Corner:

The center is looking for parent donations.

Specifically we are asking if anyone has a digital camera and/or a video camera that they are no longer using. We would love to capture the excitement, laughs and joy so that we can share it with you. Legos are always welcome as well.

The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. We sold \$1780.00 worth of merchandise. This gives us \$837.00 in profits for new books.

**Very exciting!
Thank you everyone.**

**I would especially like to thank
the parents that volunteered. It
was really great to have parents
work the fair each afternoon.
Thank you so much!**

