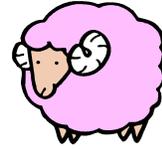




# Way to Grow News

## March 2014



### Director News

Hello Way to Grow Families!

We thank you all for your patience and understanding in regards to the need for weather closures. Hopefully we are done for the season! Due to weather delays for our trainer, CPR/First Aid training has been moved to Monday, March 24th at 6pm. Cost is \$34 per person. Please see Ms. Sandy if you would like to attend.

We hope you all enjoyed your special Valentine's Day surprises from your children and the staff at Way to Grow! Ms. Tootsie did an amazing job preparing special surprises for all the children too! Thank you Ms. Tootsie! We would like to thank you all for our special treats too. They are always greatly appreciated.

With Spring almost here, we are excited to announce that we have some special plans in the works for Earth Day this year. Our children will be planting a tree in the neighborhood, as well as some additional special activities that will be planned in their classroom. Please pay special attention to your classroom calendar for details.

On-going assessments of your Pre-K children will pick up speed next month and parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled in April. Please see Ms. Jill with any Kindergarten readiness questions you may have about your child. She will plan an earlier conference for you as needed.

Our check in system is up and running. Please see Ms. Sandy or Ms. Amanda if you have not already been registered on the system. If you have, please remember to use it daily. The check in system is a DCYF requirement for child care centers. Therefore we ask that you try to make it a habit to check in and out daily.

Our teachers will be asking every family for an email address and cell phone number. We would like to email and text you short snippets of video of special activities your child may be doing during their day. Our teachers spend a considerable amount of time planning enriching activities daily for your children. We would like to use the technology that is available to all of us these days to help you feel better connected to what's happening here at Way to Grow!

Have you seen our foyer displays?! Each month one of our classroom teachers takes a turn displaying something special from their classroom. Thank you to Ms. Sharon and the Toddler Room for last month's "Good Night Moon" display. This month Ms. Brittany and the Early Preschool classroom shared their special "friendship tree" display with us. Thank you Ms. Brittany & Early Preschool!

### Early Preschool Press

Dear Families,

This was an exciting month in the early preschool room learning "All About Me" The children have explored feelings, five senses, and how everybody's different. Our week about the five senses provided many opportunities for discussion. We were talking about how water doesn't really have a taste when Shayla quickly added "But it could be flavored water!" I also asked about what smells good and Edward said, "flowers and candles smell good!" Maegan used her sense of sight, laughing at how big her feet looked under the magnifying glass. During our discussion about tasting, Thomas told us he likes to eat m & m cookies with his family. When talking about friends, Sebastian said "I like to play with Timothy, so he's my friend." Timothy replied, "He's my buddy!" Autumn and Lila have become great friends, they enjoy playing in the kitchen area, cooking and taking care of the baby dolls. Andrew and Victor had fun laughing while they blew bubbles and popped them on each other. Gilchrist always gets his friends involved in building tall towers, when they fall down Samantha shows she's a good friend and helps to rebuild it.

Thank you to all who shared pictures with us. The children loved to see how their friends were once a baby too! It provided a great opportunity to talk about how much they have already grown. I'm so glad to see all the families enjoying taking home our class book too (if you haven't had yet, you soon will!) I will continue to do family take home activities about once a month.



Our next learning unit is Transportation!  
Thank you, Ms. Brittany