

Toddler Tattle

Hello Toddler Parents,

Nature is important to children's development in every major way! Research shows that children's social, psychological, academic and physical health is impacted with daily contact with nature. One way to bring nature into our classroom is with plants. Plants can provide ready access to nature. With this being said, I will soon be sending home an empty pot and some soil. How is that going to bring plants into the classroom you ask yourself? Well it would be greatly appreciated if each family could fill their pot with a small, inexpensive plant. There is no need to run out and buy a plant. A small clipping from your very own plant at home, or a friend or family members would be just fine. I plan to set up the shelf above our lunchboxes with all these plants along with books and magnifying glasses for observing. Over the coming weeks I expect to post pictures of the children caring for and growing with the plants. I really need and appreciate the support of our classroom families in order to make this happen.

Thank you in advance.
Ms. Sharon



Pre-Kindergarten Press

Dear Pre-K Families,

The month of February has come and gone with the blink of an eye, and we are finally heading into the direction of **SPRING**. We are also transitioning from the wonderful world of **Dinosaurs** to our new unit on **Space**. Although Dinosaurs have been very interesting and loved by our class, (especially the boys) we are leaving the prehistoric era behind us. During this unit we have practiced our fine motor skills by tracing dinosaurs, we created a large erupting volcano, and we learned how to make patterns in math along with many other developmental goals.

This month as we focus our attention to **Space**, we will be learning about day and night, the sun, moon, stars and our planet Earth. We will be working on other concepts within this unit, such as writing our full names correctly, recognizing letters and numbers and writing them. We will also work on our fine motor skills as we cut shapes with scissors, and explore moon sand in the sensory table.

Thank you for participating in the Parent Involvement Projects this month! I plan on hanging the stars from the ceiling for the children to admire. Please remember to take some time to walk around your child's classroom to take a peek at all of their amazing work. They have really been achieving some wonderful accomplishments! This month I will be scheduling meetings with families (if you wish) to go over your child's progress in Pre-K. I will have some developmental assessments, work samples and pictures to share with you. As I know and understand that everyone has a busy schedule, I can always work with you so that we can have even a few minutes to meet. I hope to form a partnership with families to take your child where they need to be developmentally as they progress towards kindergarten. In the short time I have been working with your children I have seen so much growth and it has been a real pleasure.

During the month of March we will also be celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday (if you have a favorite Dr. Seuss book please bring it in on March 2nd), and St. Paddy's day by having a morning full of the color GREEN.

Lets have a great month full of SUN!
Ms. Jill