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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Hello Newberry Parents,

Happy Spring! It has been a pleasure observing each child's personality, learning the distinctive ways in which each child communicates and expresses interests. Some interests I've captured include music, math, painting, insects and eggs.

In March, I enjoyed enhancing the classrooms with water tubs containing agates, shells and glass gems to encourage water play, pouring and exploration of Earth's materials. I've brought in generous amounts of green and white homemade playdough for your child to explore and sculpt using unconventional playdough toys (straws, pipe cleaners, feathers, beads, etc.) to inspire creativity.

April is a colorful month of welcoming spring into our classrooms, celebrating life, and cheering our love of life by planting seeds! Not to mention, Easter is Sunday, April 16, which makes our celebration of spring even more magical.

New to the month of April, you will see simple, seasonal cooking adventures led by your teacher on alternating Monday and Wednesday mornings, as well as, music on alternating Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Music includes teaching the children guitar songs, hand motion songs and whole body movement songs. We will be practicing these songs in preparation of a grand performance in June.

Thank you for your kind welcome to NCC. I have enjoyed the parent/teacher conferences held so far and look forward to meeting the rest of you by mid-April. I am here for any questions or concerns. I wish your family a joyful leap into springtime!

Roxanne Hetzer

REMINDERS

MAGICAL MOOMBAH

On Friday, April 21, we have a field trip to see the Magical Moombah's performance of "Rumbles' Rockin Roundup." The show is 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. and the cost is \$3. Parents are encouraged to join us.

WASH THOSE HANDS

Don't forget to have your child wash their hands upon entering the classroom each day. Washing hands is a big factor in preventing the spread of germs and keeping everyone at Newberry happy and healthy.

DAC EASTER BRUNCH

Celebrate Easter with the whole family at the top of the DAC. The Annual Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 16 will be hosted from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., with the Easter Bunny making a special appearance for photos and fun. The cost is \$35 for adults, \$15 for children 5-12. This event is open to the public and reservations are required. Make a reservation at Reception or by calling 541-484-4011.



LITERACY DEVELOPMENT: THE IMPORTANCE OF DOODLING

Long before children are able to draw a rainbow or write their name, they learn to express themselves through doodling. Doodling is so much more than simply scribbling indiscriminately. For children, doodling is developmentally the first step towards handwriting and drawing.

Toddlers have limited control over their motions and so initially their doodling may seem inconsistent, however, as their motor skills develop, their doodling becomes more purposeful, with large strokes, circles and lines appearing. Following this are rhythmic repetitive strokes (drawing around and around for example). As your toddler grows and their understanding of the world broadens, they start to see images in their drawings. This is an important step as they are now connecting drawing with thoughts and are realizing that images can be represented in drawings. While their drawings are still unintentional at this stage, it is important to encourage their efforts and accept that the squiggly line is in fact a dinosaur.

By the age of about three, children have gained a measure of fine motor control and are also beginning to imagine and create. At this stage, their drawings become intentional. They imagine a scene or an image and set about creating it. This is a very exciting step for little children and one, which if nurtured, will encourage a richer imagination and joy of creating.

How can we encourage children to pick up that marker and draw?

- Have paper and pens easily accessible throughout the house. This way your child can draw whenever they want.
- Put together a travel drawing kit with pens and paper for when you're out and about.
- Sit with them if they ask, but allow them to draw independently.
- Let your child see you drawing.

Source: www.theimaginationtree.com



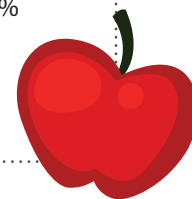
SKIP THE SODA

There is nothing healthy about soda, in fact, the phosphoric acid in soda takes calcium from bones and prevents calcium from being absorbed – a doubly whammy. Phosphoric acid can clean your car battery and unclog your drain.

Offer it only as an occasional treat and not as a daily option. Water and milk are the only beverages that your child needs to grow and stay healthy.

Soda Alternative: Make your own homemade sodas by adding carbonated water to 100% fruit juice.

Source: www.buildhealthykids.com



CLASSROOM CALENDARS

Additional activities for both Preschool and Pre-K classes:

Yoga: Monday

Walk to Library: Wednesday

Swimming: Tuesday & Friday

Creative Movement: Thursday

“Show and Tell” and “Show and Share”: Children are encouraged to bring in items related to the theme of the week or letter of the week.

🚩 = Attention Needed

★ = Part of the Creative Curriculum



PRE-SCHOOL

Week 1: Plant Parts
Letter: P

Week 2: Plant Care
Letter: Q

Week 3: Plants We Eat
Letter: Q

Week 4: Flowers
Letter: R

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Painting Plant House	4 Parts of Plants Chart	5 Plant Parts Book	6 Glue Plant Parts	7 Show and Tell Make Plant Parts Book
10 Sprouting Sweet Potatoes	11 Plant Care Chart	12 Plant Care Book	13 Seed Mosaics	14 Show and Tell Egg Carton Flower
17 Veggie Painting	18 What We Eat Chart	19 Growing Vegetable Soup	20 Fruit Tip Art	21 Show and Tell Fruit/Veg Sort
24 My Name Flower Garden	25 Flower Gluing	26 Flower Book	27 Coffee Filter Flowers	28 Show and Tell Flower Coloring



PRE-K

Week 1: Eggs
Letter: P

Week 2: Bunnies
Letter: Q

Week 3: Earth
Letter: Q

Week 4: April Showers
Letter: R

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Marble Painting Egg	4 Humpty Dumpty	5 Dinosaur Eggs	6 Show and Share What animals come from eggs?	7 Eggcellent Adventure
10 Letter Q Practice	11 Paper Plate Bunnies	12 What do bunnies do?	13 Show and Share How far can a bunny hop?	14 Bunny Hats
17 Shaving Cream Earth	18 We Can Change the World	19 Suncatcher Earth	20 Show and Share Recycle Day	21 Earth Day
24 Letter R Practice	25 Suncatcher Umbrellas	26 Handprint Flowers	27 Show and Share Mr. Cloud Puppet	28 Hot Glue Gun Rain