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A Newsletter for Families

April 2021

Dear Legacy Families,

This is one of our favorite months… and that is not an April fool's joke! This month we will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt along with popsicle parties. The **KONA ICE TRUCK** will also be visiting us for our bigger kids! We will also be focusing on Earth Day this month. It is the perfect month to watch nature come alive after the winter "nap". Thank you for being so wonderful, we appreciate you!

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Let's Celebrate

Easter
Sunday, April 4th

NAEYC Week of the Young Child
April 10th-16th

Earth Day
Thursday, April 22nd

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Framework For Their Future®

April Class Themes of the Month

Dreamers ~ Theme: You Are My Sunshine

Our babies learn about sunshine as we create an outdoor classroom loaded with the fresh air our babies love. We'll sing sunny nursery rhymes and loads of songs to delight everyone. What if we had sun flakes? Would they feel like snowflakes? Could we watch them? We will look into that wondrous idea with the littlest ones in our center and s-t-r-e-t-c-h our imaginations!

Travelers ~ Theme: Puddle Jumpers

Your little traveler will be jumping puddles, dancing the Bunny Pokey, and playing Ring Around the Rosie. We'll ask questions such as, "What is a pond and how is a pond like a puddle?" Your toddler will delight in the differences that each day brings. The children will also have a spring parade, complete with parade signs and riding toys

Adventurers ~ Theme: Rain, Rain, Go Away

The children will create their own weather graphs and will enjoy using stickers and easy-to-grasp stamps. This time of year, we tend to see some children ready to move away from primary caregiving groups and begin working more independently. Your toddler is growing stronger every day, in every way, through play.

Discoverers ~ Theme: Rainbows, Robins, and Rhymes

Your child will enjoy participating in a variety of rainbow activities while learning how they are formed. As always, we'll read, recite, act, draw, paint, color, and have fun!

Voyagers ~ Theme: Weather, Wonder, and Things Down Under

Your little one will plan a trip to Australia, complete with an airplane ride, travel agency, and baggage check-in. Throughout the month, we will learn about weather, Spring, and growing activities. Rhymes, finger plays, poems, and songs will round out April.

Explorers ~ Theme: Wild! Wild! Weather

Beautiful Numbers, Keep America Beautiful posters, and Wicked Weather Wonder are but a few of the exciting activities during April.
As well, there will be garden journals, fun games and weather research. It will be a real learning experience with activities that support in all kinds of delightful ways.

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Enhanced Learning

April

Dreamers

Math- This month children will dive into differentiating between big and small and learning all about the color yellow!

Science- Dreamers will learn about sunshine as they are exposed to images and spend time outside. They will also learn about rain as we participate in sensory play with water.

Social Studies- April's Social Studies Enhanced Learning lessons will focus on being gentle with our friends and recognizing ourselves in pictures.

Travelers

Math- This month the Jr. Toddlers enhanced math lessons will center around differentiating colors and exposure to patterns.

Science- Toddlers will experience the scientific concept of motion as they jump through a science lesson and they will also learn all about flowers.

Social Studies- Travelers will get to experience shopping, working at the store, and working together as a class team to make a rainbow

Adventurers

Math- Adventurers will sing math songs and read books about counting and shapes. The children will also work on the mathematical concept of less.

Science- Sr. Toddlers will learn all about rain and snow this month. They will also gain a foundational understanding of precipitation.

Social Studies- Adventurers will learn all about pilots and get a chance to participate in a pretend play scenario where they will get to pilot the class plane! They will also learn about community playgrounds

Discoverers

Math- Discoverers will continue to practice recognizing patterns and ordering images from small to large.

Science- 3-year olds will learn all about the science behind clouds and rainbows.

Social Studies- This month, Discoverers will learn about military bases and who lives on those bases. They will also learn about forests.

Voyagers

Math- Our math lessons will include opportunities and materials to help students understand numbers and their relationship to object quantities and symbols.

Science- 4-year olds will learn all about thunderstorms and hurricanes. They will learn how each form and what weather precedes both.

Social Studies- This month, Voyagers will learn about and participate in trade. They will also learn about the Prime Meridian.

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The Week of the Young Child

April 10th-16th, 2021

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 60,000 members and a network of 50 local, state, and regional Affiliates. This week spotlights early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities.

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child™ in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child™ is a time to plan how we—as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation—will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

NAEYC is asking the early education community to *Step It Up (SIU)* during this year's **50th** annual Week of the Young Child. **Talk to your child's teachers or your center's management team to find out what they are planning for NAEYC's Week of the Young Child!**

Daily Themes:

April 10 - Kick-off Saturday

April 12 - Music Monday

April 13 - Tasty Tuesday

April 14 - Work Together Wednesday

April 15 - Artsy Thursday

April 16 - Family Friday

Visit www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/overview for more information and activities

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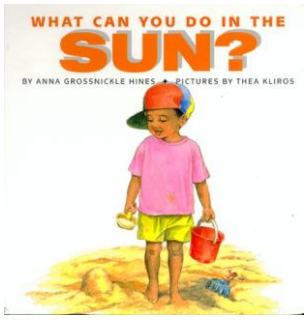
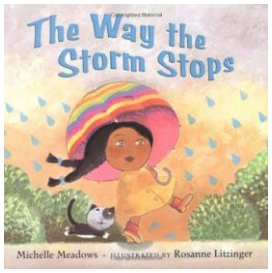
Family Time

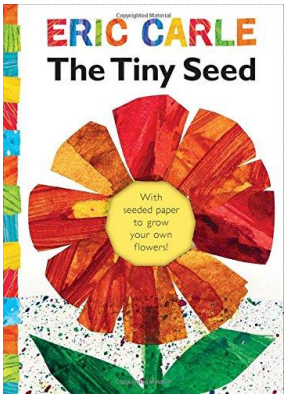
April Books



What Can You Do in the Sun?
By: Anna Hines



The Way the Storm Stops
By: Michelle Meadows



The Tiny Seed
By: Eric Carle

DIY Tambourines

Supplies

Paper Plates
Dried Beans or Cheerios
Hole Punch
Ribbon or Yarn
Art Supplies for Decoration

Directions

1. Place the eating surfaces of two paper plates together. Hole punch around the outside edge of the plates. Be sure to place hole punches close enough together that your filling will not slip through the cracks. Lace ribbon or yarn through the holes and tie to fasten the plates together; leave a small opening to fill the tambourine.
2. Using the small opening, fill the tambourine with dried beans (or cheerios for younger children). Close the remaining gap with ribbon or yarn.
3. Using available art supplies give your child freedom to decorate their tambourine in any way they wish.
4. In honor of Week of the Young Child's Music Monday, play some of your family's favorite music and let your child play along.

To extend this activity play a variety of music and ask your child to match the tempo or volume. Explore positional words by asking your child to play their tambourine behind their back or above their head. Discuss body parts by asking your child to play their tambourine on their knee or elbow.

Activity and photo from www.education.com