

THE NURTURING NOOK - GLENDALE

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Notes from the Directors

Hello April! We certainly hope that warmer days are just round the corner! We have been making do by providing large motor activities in the hallway for the children but here is no substitute for going outside and getting fresh air! With the ever changing spring weather please be sure your child has the appropriate outdoor clothing for whatever weather we have 😊

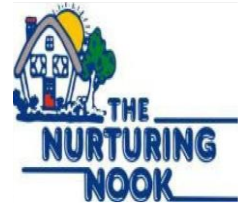
The Week of the Young Child is fast coming up! The purpose of the Week of the Young Child® is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The Week of the Young Child® is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment—at home, at child care, at school, and in the community—that will promote their early learning. It is our greatest pleasure to care for your children as well as to guide their development and milestone mastery.

Please join us in this celebration focusing on children, families and their caregivers this week by participating in the planned activities and events.

Thank you to everyone who completed the Premier Nurturing Nook Transition Welcome Survey: Understanding What Matters Most. We appreciate your feedback and will use it to highlight our strengths and identify opportunities for enhancement.

It does seem that colds and viruses are still present. Maintaining a healthy environment is one of our priorities here at The Nurturing Nook. In addition to washing hands multiple times of day, the teaching staff wash classroom toys, equipment, floor mats and garbage cans, etc. They also spray down their classrooms at the end of the day with an electrostatic sprayer. We ask that you help with this initiative by helping your child to wash their hands as part of your drop off process at either the sink in the hallway or in their classroom.

As we plan for the future, we need to know your plans regarding care for



the upcoming months. If you have not already done so, please return the 2024 Summer & Fall Questionnaire.

Please remember to direct emails to me at dgrelecki@pecepmail.com and emails regarding attendance, vacation dates, Health Reports and Immunization Records to: nurturingnookgd@gmail.com email.

We are looking forward to a busy and fun-filled month!

Donna,
Jessie & Tia



SPECIAL DAYS IN

April

- 1st April Fool's Day
- 2nd International Children's Book Day
- 4th National Burrito Day
- 5th International Kids Yoga Day
- 6th International Pillow Fight Day
- 9th National Library Day
- 10th National Siblings Day
- 11th National Pet Day
- 13th World Circus Day
- 15th National ASL Day
- 18th High Five Day
- 20th Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
- 22nd Earth Day
- 25th World Penguin Day
- 26th Arbor Day
- 27th National Dance Day
- 30th Bugs Bunny Day

BOUNCING BUNNIES

READY, SET, SPRING!!

The Bunnies are ecstatic to welcome the new season and take advantage of the fantastic weather outside in the sunshine. We're ready to feel the spring vibes!



We are grateful to all those who took part in our Dr. Suess week; seeing the bunnies involved brought us great joy.

The week of the young child is approaching quickly. We will celebrate this week (April 6th-12th) with NAEYC's national daily themes.

Let's also take a moment to welcome Walter and Henry, two of our newest friends, to the classroom!

Our Bunnies have been so kind and supportive during their child care transition.

For our outside walks and playground visits, please continue to bring clothes that are appropriate for the weather. Hats and jackets are still a terrific choice, for those days when the temperature drops to the mid- to upper-40s and we still want to take them outside to enjoy the fresh air.

Many of our friends have reached their developmental milestones, which fills us with great

excitement. A few of our Bunnies are now proficient at sitting up, pulling themselves up, and crawling! We especially want to thank our parents—the hard work is paying off!

Ms. Maddy gave birth to a healthy baby, and she comes to pick up/drop off her son off in the Penguin classroom, so you might still catch her popping by occasionally. Also on maternity leave, Ms. Shelby plans to return with her son soon!

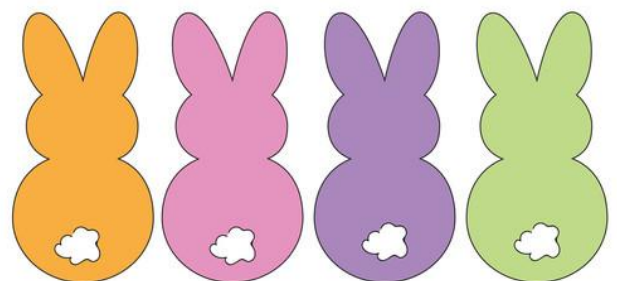
The Bunnies classroom has welcomed Ms. Nitayvia as an official member! With her arrival, we can't

wait to continue creating wonderful memories with the children. She has been a great addition to the room and is incredibly beloved by the babies.

As usual, please remember to wash your hands before entering the room—the cold and flu season is almost over! We'll keep doing our share of sanitizing, bleaching, and cleaning the classroom and it's contents.

Cheers to a fantastic month!

Nitayvia & A'Shawna



PLAYFUL PENGUINS

“Spring has sprung the grass is ris’ I wonder where the flowers is”.

We are beginning to see lots of buds on trees and bushes and plants. We like to think of April as a New Beginnings month. Fresh and Happy to celebrate new life.

Though we Penguin kiddos are not new we are exploring or perfecting new developmental skills. Most of us have been crawling and pulling up to standing for a while, but we have been working on becoming stronger, faster, and steadier in our standing and even getting better at walking along the shelves. We are so proud and enjoy playing while standing up and we express this joy with happy

Screeches and Chattering.

Another area which becomes better with lots of practice is problem solving skills. We manipulate toys in various ways and learn as we go how things work. How they fit inside and next to each other, what sounds they make when tapped together or scraped on various surfaces. Though we still explore with our mouths, there is more moving items with hands in various ways.

Our verbal utterances are becoming more babbling with double consonant sounds which has changed from single more cooing like sounds. We still love to hear singing and reading and teacher talk.

In April we will be celebrating Young Childhood with our annual Week of the Young Child. We will be participating in many fun growth enhancing activities with Center Wide Daily Themes to enjoy.

As always, we continue to encourage parents to feel free to share with us any questions or concerns with your child’s care. We are here for you, and we want to meet their needs in a positive way.

Wishing You a Happy Spring and many Lovely days to spend time outside.

Karen & Jenna



WHETHER YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BEHAVIOR AND DEVELOPMENT, OUTDOOR LEARNING, OR SCHOOL READINESS, YOU WILL FIND RESEARCH-BASED RESOURCES, TIPS AND IDEAS FOR FAMILIES AT NAEYC FOR FAMILIES. CHECK IT OUT AT:
<https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families>



National Association for the Education of Young Children

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

WISHING A BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE WHO CELEBRATES THEIR SPECIAL DAY THIS MONTH!



Marley	Greyson	Josephine
Arthur	Ralph	Felix
Elliot	Charles	Michael
Chase	A'Shawna	
	Sara	

TEDDY BEARS

We're ready to fling into spring! Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can be.

This month we have a few changes of our own in the Teddy Bear classroom. We had to say goodbye to a few friends as they continued their journey of meeting their milestones in the Firefly Classroom.

We are also welcoming some new little Teddies this month! Greyson and Lenya, we look forward to getting to know each of their little personalities, and being there for them as they grow into toddlers. We promise to give them lots of love and positive direction every day!

This month we will be focusing on transitions.

Some of these transitions include going from sleeping in cribs to cots, bottles to cups, highchair to table, learning to walk, and so much more! We know the schedule in the Teddy Bear room is more structured and so different from the Penguin Room. If there is anything we can do to help make the transition smoother for your little ones please let us know.

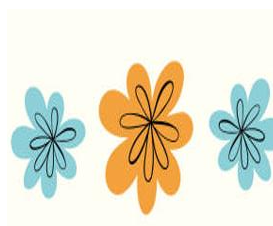
Some of the fun activities we have planned for this month include learning to paint with a brush, sensory play, finger painting, using musical instruments, circle time, felt board songs and activities, puppet play, learning our body parts, learning simple sign language, making spring mosaic,



animal rescue with tape, toy car wash, learning and making animal sounds, and so much more!

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or chat with us at drop off and pick up!

Iliana & Jeana



YEARS OF SERVICE

PLEASE HELP US TO CELEBRATE THE FOLLOWING TEACHERS AND COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE NURTURING NOOK 😊

APRIL 10 TH :	SHELBY	1 YEAR
APRIL 14 TH :	NICHOL	10 YEARS!
APRIL 18 TH :	LYLA	2 YEARS



FIREFLIES

Happy April! Can you believe we made it to spring already? We are so excited to see what this season of new blooms and new beginnings has in store for us.

During the month of March, we welcomed 3 new friends to the Firefly room! Which means we sent some friends on to Busy Bees. We will miss them, but we are so excited for them, and we are excited to get to know our new friends.

We loved getting to enjoy some warm and sunny days, as well as some cold and gloomy ones.

For the month of March, we focused on really fun themes like changing seasons, the springtime, bunnies, chicks, and eggs as well as women's history. We read really engaging books like Think Big Little One, and Little Blue Truck Springtime. We played in fun sensory bins like a space themed one and an Easter grass one with eggs! We made fun snacks and treats like a fruit tart and personal pizzas. We love making food

together, we get to develop social emotional skills, fine motor skills and cognitive skills. It teaches us so much!

For the month of April, we will focus on themes like, Bugs and Insects, The Week of the Young Child, Gardening, Earth Day, and Water. We will read fun books like 10 Little Caterpillars, The Earth Gives More and The Little Raindrop. Reading theme related books helps to reinforce the concepts we are working on. We will participate in fun activities like making trail mix and planting our own seeds/seedlings and decorating flowerpots! We will continue developing our social emotional skills like turn taking and sharing, as well as fine motor skills like scooping and pouring.

The spring is here, be mindful of daily temps and please dress your child appropriately for indoor and outdoor play!

Ms. Camryn & Ms. Simiya



BUSY BEES

Hello Busy Bee Parents,

Last month The Busy Bees learned all about Springtime and Women’s History! As we move through April we will begin to learn and discuss more about Spring and everything the season brings!

We will continue to explore activities to support our curriculum, this includes encouraging the children’s development across all the learning domains. Our activities and curriculum focus on; social, language, cognitive, motor, and self-help skills. We have planned fun and exciting ways to help children develop these skills. An example of an activity we will do this month will be decorating umbrellas! In This activity, we will offer different objects including markers, stickers, paint and so

much more to give the children a wide range of materials so they can get creative and have fun! This activity will help strengthen their fine motor skills; as well as partake in decorating the classroom for April!

We have planned fun and creative activities that will carry our curriculum forward including (but not limited to); singing songs, reading books, a spring-themed scavenger hunt, lots of large motor movement games, painting, and spring-themed sensory bins! We have developed fun and creative ways to practice our large and fine motor skills! Some of these activities include movement games like dancing to fun educational songs, art activities, and so much more! We also have set a few activities this month that apply to the children’s cognitive and social

development. These activities include; scavenger hunts where the children can look at pictures and find the other picture that matches, painting and coloring activities that boost creativity, and sharing games to support social development!

While in this class we want the Busy Bees to gain as many words as they possibly can! We work with the Bees through various activities to help develop their social and self-help skills and get those words flowing! We will continue to play games, listen to songs and books, and do fun activities to help



There are so many wonderful things to see and do around our great city. Please check them out at:

www.onmilwaukee.com

develop our Busy Bees continuously!

If there are any questions, please feel free to ask!

HAPPY SPRING!

Olivia & Lyla



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SHINING STARS

Hello Parents! Spring is here!!

Shining Stars are on many adventures. We weren't ready to come home just yet from our world tour (culture month) so we flew to space to see the real stars! We talked about the different planets and their sizes, colors, and names. We watched a short clip of a real rocket ship take off and the children were very tuned in. We colored spaceships, listened to songs that featured space.

It's been a little bit of crazy weather, so we took a week to explore and learn about the weather by listening to thunder and rain. For art, we made clouds using cotton balls and painted a sun with a smiley face. Our Shining parents also were asked to collect rain drop/water in a jar.

Because our Stars get excited to go on a bear hunt, we learned about bears. We had a Teddy Bear Party with our stuffed bears. For art, we made bear paw prints with brown paint using our hands. We also colored a

picture of a bear. Of course, we read and listen to stories such as, "Going on a Bear Hunt" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears". We went on a real bear hunt in the hallway looking for a bear with our homemade binoculars. That activity was the highlight of bear week. We appreciate all the parents who brought and sent in a teddy bear or another kind of animal.

Because we love going outside, we explored nature. If we couldn't go outside, we brought in the outdoors. We made a nature collage using sticks, feathers, paper, cotton and other natural materials. We watched Twinkles, our hamster eat and drink and observed him in his habitat. We went on walks outside to hear different sounds such as birds and possibly other small animals. One fun activity was watching ice melt. We compared if ice cubes melt quicker in warm or cold water. Now that Spring is here, we look forward to spring themes and



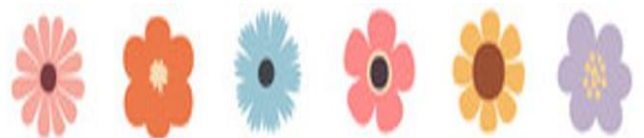
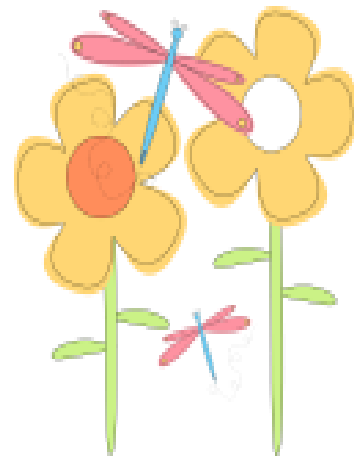
enjoying the outdoors if we can. We ask that you please label (hats, coats/jackets, etc) if you have not done so. We don't want to be responsible for lost, stolen, or misplaced items. We would really appreciate labeled items to limit any confusion. Thanks!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask us first.

Stay safe and healthy!

Catch ya later!

Shaquanda & Nette



RISING STARS

Happy April from the Rising Stars Classroom!

Last month, the Rising Stars enjoyed learning about Rainbows, Food, Nutrition, and St. Patrick's Day. They were especially keen on the food wash and green/gold bells with lucky charms sensory tables, new songs such as "Roll Your Dough", "The Farmer in the Dell", and "Peel an Apple", and activities such as life-size food pyramid, jellybean counting, and shamrock stamping. Also, thank you again to our families for their involvement and for donating items for lessons and lending stories to the classroom, we greatly appreciate it.

Throughout April we will continue to incorporate more social stories such as a daily routine schedule with pictures

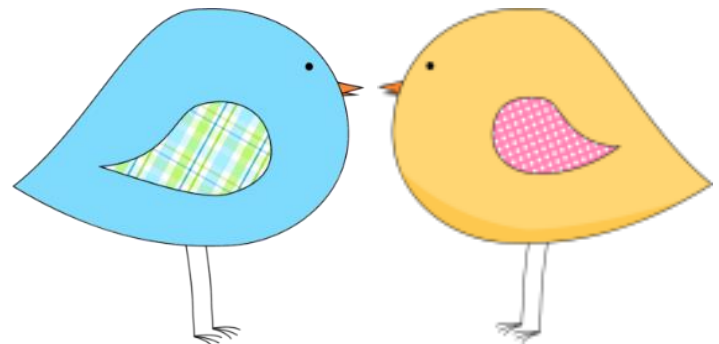
and a job chart with jobs such as line

leader and caboose, table setter, timekeeper, and teacher helper. By incorporating social stories, we hope that the children's days go even smoother, and they will become more familiar with the classroom routines. The Rising Stars can look forward to learning about spring/weather, outer space, earth/arboretum day, and bugs/insects.

Finally, thank you Rising Stars parents for bringing in the proper potty-training supplies. We are proud to announce that more than half of the class is either fully potty trained or in training! We are so proud of our Rising Stars and their progress. Please do not hesitate to Juliet or Sara about help or support with potty training. Thank you for your continued cooperation and

dedication to your child's potty-training journey.

If there are any questions or concerns, we are always available to help, otherwise as always you can reach out to Donna, Jessie or Tia. We are very



Wisconsin immunization Program

Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) is a computerized Internet database application that was developed to record and track immunization dates of Wisconsin's children and adults. Immunization registries are seen as an integral tool for assuring that children and adults receive their immunizations according to recommended schedules and can prevent over-immunizing.

The Public Immunization Record Access feature allows look-up access to immunization records by individuals, parents, or legal guardians. Offering parents and guardians access to look-up their child's immunizations can decrease the number of requests to providers for immunization records from their patients.

SUNSHINE ROOM

Happy April Sunshine Room Families!

March has been a great month! We are definitely ready for those April Showers to bring May flowers! We have brought back our check in/out for the class. Each child has a name tag with their name on it in the pocket chart by the sign in sheet. When your child arrives, they will take their name and move it to the pocket chart in the reading area. When your child leaves, they will move their name back to the pocket chart by the sign in sheet.

We have been practicing covering sneezes and coughs with their elbows and wiping their noses with tissues.

We are still implementing green and red choices with the class. We have been talking about using our words and we have been doing mindfulness with the class to learn different techniques to calm our bodies down. One of the techniques we learned is rainbow breathing. The class really enjoyed using their arms as the colors of the rainbow and breathing in and out as the colors filled the rainbow.

MARCH THEMES & ACTIVITIES

During the month of April we will be learning and talking about Spring. For the first two weeks we will learn about plants, flowers, and gardening. We will plant our own plants and watch them grow. We will talk about the life cycle of plants and how they grow. We will learn and talk about gardening and how to take care of a garden. The last few weeks of April we will learn about insects and butterflies. We will learn and read all about different insects, where they live and what they do.

We started March off by finishing with reading and learning about children's authors. The children were very engaged with learning about all the different children's authors. They enjoyed all

the art projects related to the different books we read together.

We ended the month of March with learning and reading about different kinds of weather and rainbows. We used science to create our own rainbows, went on a cloud hunt, and learned how the weather changes. We also discussed clothes to wear for each season. We had our own tornado drill with just the sunshine room. The class did amazing!



CLASSROOM REMINDERS

Please remember to check the children's cubbies daily for important information or artwork being sent home. The Sunshine Room goes outside if the weather is over 20 degrees. Please make sure children have proper outside gear to enjoy their outside time.

Check with teachers to make sure your child has proper change of clothes in case of accidents.

We would like to thank you for all your support and trust with your little one! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,
Teanna & Mara



RAINBOW ROOM

Spring is April's way of saying "Let's Bloom".

That's right, in the month of April, the Rainbow Room will be blooming by using our reading and language skills to discuss topics about the spring season such as plants, insects, colors, and more.

Also, we will be working on some fun activities that will allow us to explore different art, science, and sensory projects for each week's classroom theme.

We will be taking all the kiddos on a walk around the building outdoors to see the changes that spring will bring this season.

This month we will be focusing on the following domains:

- Language
- Reading
- Self Help Skills

These domains will ensure that the Rainbow room developments are really going to grow. During small group time we will continue to read books relating

to our classroom theme for each week. So, parents feel free to keep sharing your child's favorite books from home. They really help with keeping our kids loving to use their reading skills. Rainbow Room will also work on our self-help skills by using their words when they have a problem such as needing help with friends or zipping up the coats when we're going outside.

Thank you parents for participating in the March parties and activities last month. We did a lot for our Dr Suess theme. We had a great time partying and celebrating St. Patrick's Day wearing green and trying to catch the leprechaun while he played tricks on us all day.

Parents Reminders: Continue to bring your kiddos with their hats and gloves. Also, it has been raining, and the Rainbow room will continue to go outside. We ask all the parents if your child has rain boots to bring as we will still go outside to enjoy



splashing and playing in the rain.

Again, thank you all for your support! We hope you have a beautiful April.

Rainbow Classroom Quote: Always eat your cake and play songs!

Nichol & A'Diyah

