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Notes from the Directors

A big thank you to everyone for participating in our Week of the Young Child activities. We had an awesome Family Event! Thanks to everyone who could make it. We love to see our families connecting with their friends' families as well as interacting with their children's teachers during center events and activities. It looked and sounded like fun was had by all 😊

May has arrived and so has Teacher Appreciation Week! While we love to show our teachers our appreciation throughout the year, we have a lot of fun showing them some extra love during this special week. You should have received an email outlining some planned fun for the week. We hope that you will join us in the fun!

We also love to celebrate our Moms, Grandmas and Motherly figures in our family's lives. The Friday before Mother's Day we put out a little something for you and/or your child's motherly influencers to share with your child during the drop off process. We will have a tray of goodies in each classroom on Friday March 12th so please consider participating in that activity with your child 😊

It seems that warmer weather may have arrived with the month of May and we could not be happier! The children are seeing more time on the

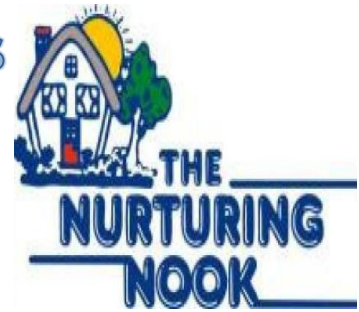
playground as well as taking walks and visiting our next-door neighbors at The Kinship Urban Gardens.

As the spring weather changes so much from day to day so please be sure that your child has weather appropriate clothing at the center so that they can enjoy their time outside.

We are now into sunscreen season. The Nurturing Nook provides either Equate or Banana Boat Sunscreen SPF 50. If you prefer a different kind of sunscreen for your child, please bring it in! Remember to update your child's Non-Ingestible OTC Medication Form in their classroom to reflect your sunscreen preference for your child.

The older children are looking forward to their first fieldtrip of the season! They will be going to Kayla' Playground at the end of the month. We hope that more of our classrooms will have the opportunity for an out of center fieldtrip experience in the coming weeks. Last summer the toddlers even got to walk over (by stroller) to Flips 4 All 😊 We welcome parent chaperones on all of our fieldtrips! More adults mean increased safety and children love to share their parents with their friends! So watch for more field trip information in the coming weeks and months and consider joining your child's class 😊

We just sent out ASQ's for you to complete and return



so that our teachers can complete the ASQ Summaries and work with you to set new goals for the children to ensure new milestone accomplishment 😊 It is our goal to guide your child's development as they grow and develop under the nurturing hands of our teachers. Whatever the milestone, a first step or first word, or calling their teacher by name, there are special moments each and every day. We love sharing these moments with you as we partner with you to provide the best care possible for your child.

Please remember to submit your child's physician signed Health Report after each doctor visit as these are reviewed at each DCF licensing visit.

As summer is nearing, please remember to share your family's vacation dates with us by complete the Vacation Form located on the front counter.

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

Donna & Jessie

SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY

1st	May Day
3rd	National Bike and Roll to School Day
4th	Intergalactic Star Wars Day
5th	Cinco De Mayo
6th	National Play Outside Day
9th	National Teacher Day
14th	Mother's Day
19th	National Bike to Work Day
25th	Eat More Fruits & Veggies Day
28th	National Hamburger Day
29th	Memorial Day
30th	National Creativity Day
31st	National Smile Day

BOUNCING BUNNIES

April was a busy month with many new developments. Thank you to all the families who were able to join our Family Night. May is here and we are almost halfway through the year, and one month closer to summer. May is a very special month to all mothers and mother figures.

We would like to wish the best for our friends that moved on to new adventures in the Playful Penguins room. We will miss you! (See you guys through the window). 😊

This month is filled with getting to know the parts on our face through song. We will also continue to practice tummy time. We will have engaging activities during this time to encourage the lifting of heads and movement of hands. We will continue strengthening our upper body, and learning to sit up with assistance.



For fine motor skills, we will be focusing on cause and effect toys that you can operate by using hands.

As a friendly reminder, please remember to remove your shoes when entering the Bouncing Bunnies room to minimize the germs on the floor. Also, please remember to label all of your child's items. For food items, please remember to add the date and child's name.

Another friendly reminder: please remember to label your

child's seat on the handle with first and last name.

We would like to welcome our newest members to the Bouncing Bunnies room. Welcome, students and teachers!

Also, if you have not done so yet please bring a family photo. We would love to add you to our family wall. ❤️

Jeannette, Shelby
& Danielle



PLAYFUL PENGUINS

My how time flies. We are already a month into Spring. We hope there have been plenty of opportunities to enjoy the beautiful parts of new nature that are coming up all over.

In our classroom we will be incorporating the theme of Spring by experiencing flowers and dirt with lots of supervision of course. We will also create a Bouquet Collage. And of course, we will be celebrating our Mamas!! Wait and see. We love them lots!

With warmer weather we hope to explore outside. We provide sunscreen, but if you have one you would like your child to use, please bring it in.

As you have seen the signs around, this month we will be

having Picture Days on May 15 & 16. Dress your baby in picture clothes. Or bring them in and we can dress them for the photo shoot. We hope for lots of smiles.

We are emphasizing self-help and independence this month. Allowing the babies to figure something out on their own. We encourage them and praise them often. They may seem to get frustrated and cry when it doesn't go their way, but eventually they will "get it". We allow them to fuss and not step in right away unless it becomes a case of distress. Simple activities can be learning opportunities, such as moving a small toy around in their hands, Tapping toys on

surfaces, trying various ways to move body around, and of course figuring out the whole picking up food and putting it into their mouth.

So, we encourage parents to have patience. Your baby is no longer a helpless infant who needs constant help. They still need plenty of care and support, of course, but their growing independence is becoming apparent. It's all part of the transition to toddlerhood - which is coming up quickly! So exciting!

Happy Mother's Day to all our Wonderful Moms!

We really appreciate you!!!

Karen, Ayrial,
Juliet & Marija



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>

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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!



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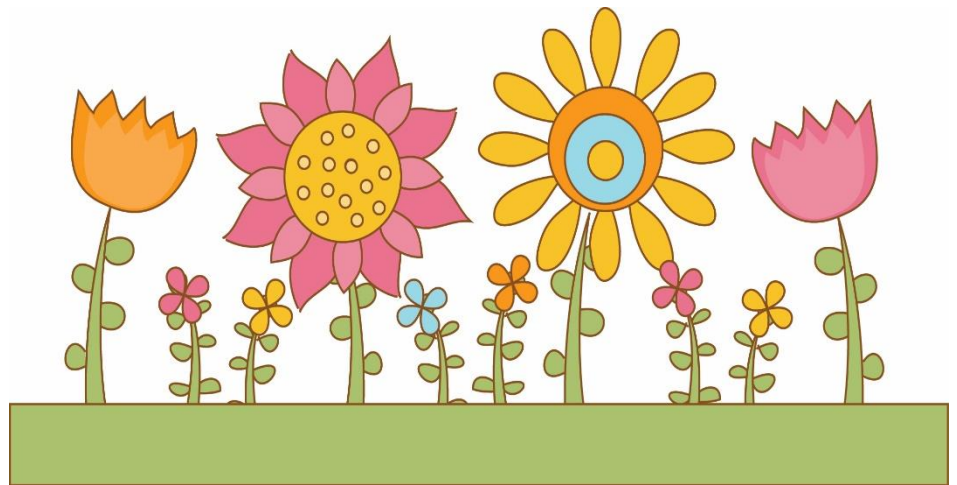
TEDDY BEARS

It's May and spring is in full bloom! The trees have gotten their beautiful green leaves back, and flowers are blossoming. This month we look forward to showing our love and appreciation for all of the wonderful mothers!

We will support our class on their journey of continued education and help them to meet their milestones in a fun and loving environment. Some of the activities we have in store for our teddy bears this month include sensory play, learning to paint with brushes, playground adventures, group and individual story time, building with blocks, and playing musical instruments together.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or stop by anytime.

Ilina & Jeana



Congratulations!

DONNA CELEBRATES 10 YEARS WITH THE NURTURING NOOK AND 36 IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD FIELD! THANKS

DONNA 😊

PLEASE CONGRATULATE HER! WE ARE SO GLAD SHE JOINED OUR GLENDALE TEAM!

FIREFLIES

Happy May everyone! This year is flying by. I can't wait to see what the month of May has in store for us. During the month of April, we sent four friends up to Busy Bees and welcomed four from Teddy Bears 😊 We had such a great time getting to know them. During the month of May we will see two friends move up and gain one that we are sooo excited for!

During the month of April, we enjoyed a lot of fun themes and activities. We celebrated the Week of the Young Child, we learned about the earth, and plants and gardens! We had a lot of fun sensory experiences like the ocean sensory table that had sand, water and sea shells. We made coffee filter Earths; we played in a garden themed sensory bin and we made lots of fun food and treats! We worked on concepts like taking turns and sharing.

For the month of May we have a lot of exciting things planned. We will focus on themes like Animals, Transportation, Building and Construction and the Five senses. We will incorporate fun activities like Jell-O sensory experiences, mystery touch and feel boxes, and getting outside to learn from our outdoor environment. We want to continue to develop skills like taking turns and sharing which is promoted with our cooking/baking experiences! May will, hopefully, warm up. With that being said, please dress your child appropriately and bring what they may need to be comfortable. For



example, the mornings tend to be chilly so having a light jacket is appreciated. We will be asking you to update the topical cream forms so they are accurate. Let's have an awesome month of May together!

Camryn, Ariel
& Kat



BUSY BEES

Hello Busy Bee
Parents,

Last month The Busy Bees learned all about Spring and the season changing from winter to spring! As spring begins and snow thaws, we will talk and learn more about spring and all things that this season will bring! As we move into May, we will teach the children all about the Spring and every fun thing May has in store!

We will still 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 guide the children to develop these skills. An

example of an activity we will do this month will be decorating rainbows! In this activity, we will offer different objects including pipe cleaners, paintbrushes, paint and so much more! This will give the children the freedom to do an activity that is creative and fun. This activity will help strengthen kids' fine motor skills; as well as partake in decorating the classroom for May!

We have planned fun and creative activities that will carry our curriculum forward including (but not limited to); singing songs, reading books, music-based activities, lots of large motor movement games, painting, and sensory bins! We have developed fun and creative ways to practice our large motor and fine motor skills! 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 applies to the children's cognitive and social development. These activities include; "Find the Bunny," where the children can look at pictures of different kinds of bunnies and find the other picture that matches! This will help enhance our Bee's problem-solving skills, as well as cognition. Another game we will play this month will be "Hop Like a Bunny" where the kids get to jump and hop around like their favorite furry spring animal, enhancing creativity and of course their large motor functions!

While in this class we want the Busy Bees to gain as many words as possible! We work with the Bees through various activities to help develop their



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

www.onmilwaukee.com

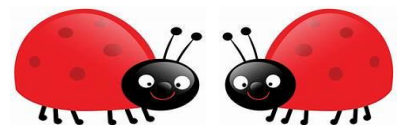


social skills and independence, as well as work on getting those words flowing! We will continue to play games, listen to songs and books, engage in "circle time," and do fun activities to continuously help develop our Busy Bees!

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

HAPPY SPRING!

Simiya, Lyla
& Juliet



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SHINING STARS

Hello Parents!

Spring is here! We are enjoying getting outdoors more. To start the month off right, we celebrated "Week of the Young Child". During that special week, we had Musical Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Family Friday. Also, during that week, we had David Stokes come with all of his fish, snakes, turtles and mice for us to look at, hold and pet. Most of our Stars were not afraid to touch or hold the snakes and turtles.

For art, we made 3-D puffy paint which is just water, salt, food coloring and flour. Mix together and paint and then heat in the microwave for at least 30 seconds. For taste, we made a fruit salad and we thank all the parents who offered to help out by bringing in fruit. Musical Monday was a blast with playing and listening to everyone's favorite songs. We really want to thank our Shiny parents for reading a story to the children. One parent brought in mini doughnuts that

went along with the story and they were quite yummy.

We enjoyed watching all the parents engaged in our sensory activity with their child during that week as well. Be sure to check out our Facebook page for pictures!

After that special week, we decided to go to the doctor and get checkups. We got our weight, temperature and heartbeat checked. Some of our children went to the doctor for a 2-year-old checkup. We colored a stethoscope after seeing a real one. We read stories about going to the doctor and letting our Stars know that going to the doctor is a good thing and that is how we stay safe and healthy.

After visiting the doctor, we explored insects and bugs. One bug in particular we focused on was the ladybug. We listened to a story about them, colored one and then painted a handprint one. We are pretty sure our Shining Stars know a ladybug when they see one. We were



hoping to see bugs outside but didn't see too many. Shining Stars love music. We took a week to learn about different kinds of music. And of course, we listened to our favorite songs. We love a music party! Soon we will begin to get into some spring activities. One outdoor activity is visiting the community garden around the corner from us. We look at all the yummy vegetables and listen to a story about plants and veggies.

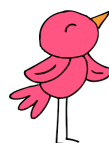
As the weather gets warmer, we plan to be outdoors to enjoy fun in the sun.

As always, we thank you for your support and please feel free to ask us any questions about your child and their classroom.

Stay safe and healthy.

Catch ya Later!

Shaquanda & Nette



RISING STARS

Welcome to May in the Rising stars classroom! April flew by, and we even had some nice hot days! In April we worked on all things spring. That included bugs and insects, Easter, Week of the Young Child, and Earth Day!

Your children really enjoyed our sensory activity making dirt cups that were edible! We made many vibrant art projects, planted flowers, and much more. We enjoyed seeing everyone's family at our Week of the Young Child Event. It was a great time.

In May we will be working on a few exciting themes such as Cinco de mayo, Mother's Day, Gardening, and Weather! We have many interesting activities planned that I know the children will love.

If your child is showing interest in the potty or they are dry we will offer for them to try. If you are ready to potty train, please let us know and we will work with whatever is easiest for your family! We offer potty soap as an incentive for going potty but if you want to bring in potty treats for your child, that is also an option that works well. If you are switching your child from diapers to pull ups, we ask you to please provide pull ups that have Velcro straps, thank you!

Summer is approaching. Yay! Please be sure to bring in water bottles, extra summer attire, swimsuits, and sunscreen if needed.

Reminder, we do provide sunscreen and if you have any questions about the brand please do not hesitate to reach out. Labeling your child's

items is very important we can keep track and not lose anything.

If there are any questions or concerns Alexis and Shanice always available to otherwise as always you can reach out to Donna and Jessie. Thank you!

Alexis & Shanice



Wisconsin Immunization Program

The 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 May Sunshine Parents,

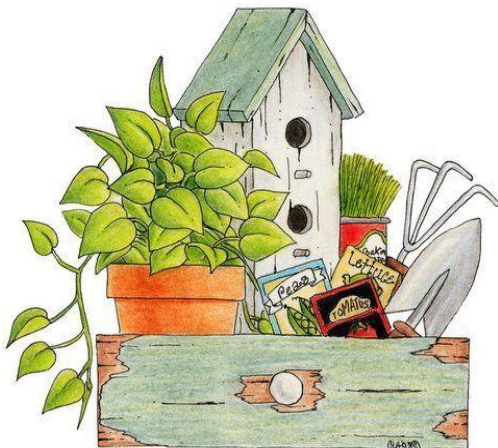
As we all know the weather is changing and spring is finally springing. It is time to change out those winter clothes that we have in our extra clothes bin with some warmer clothing. So please make sure that you send in a couple of extra changes of clothes that are appropriate for the weather. We will also need sunscreen and water bottles for outside time as well. I know that we are all excited for the sunshine to come out, so that we can have more outside time and fun in the sun.

As the summer is nearing upon us, we would also like for you all to keep in mind that we will be having lots of

water play fun, so if you would like to start bringing in water play clothes and shoes that would be great.

Last month we had lot of fun going on nature walks and finding rocks to create our fantastic bug collection, we also saw lots of different bugs on our walks as well. We had the chance to go to the garden near our facility where we heard a story about gardens and got to explore and see all the new plants that were growing. There will be a lot more to see in the garden as we will have many more opportunities to explore it throughout this spring and summer.

During our theme about bugs/Insects we learned a lot about the life cycle of the



butterfly, the ladybug, and the ant. We also learned that there are many different colored lady bugs and that ants have many different jobs within their community. We also incorporated bugs/Insects into our theme about gardening where we talked about how bugs need plants and plants need bugs. We planted our own gardens and made lots of fun crafts.

With this month's themes we are looking forward to learning about Farm Life, and Outer Space. We have so many fun ideas that we can't wait to delve into. This month we would like to start introducing some new ideas into our lessons. As you all know that we have been working on letter recognition and sounds, and line tracing. We would like to start diving more into

letter tracing and learning to spell their names as well as recognizing them. We do know that although they may not get it right away, it is the exposure, we wish to provide them. The next few weeks we will also be introducing number recognition as well as basic addition and counting shapes. We hope to incorporate site words into our lessons in the near future so these are just some of the stepping stones we will be taking to get us to that point.

Now we can't forget about Mother's Day this month and we would like to take the time to recognize and appreciate all our mothers and wish them a very happy Mother's Day!

Teanna, Tia
& Kat

RAINBOW ROOM

April was such a great month for the Rainbow Room children. We had such great weather at the beginning of the month and got to spend so much well needed time outside. We got to take our first trip of the year over to the gardens next door and look forward to going next month to help plant some seeds.

We started the month with the Week of the Young Child and Easter. The children had fun helping to put together the fruit salad and worked together to make a handprint wreath. On Friday we had many parents come in and read to the children. The stories you picked out were great and the children really enjoyed it. Thank you to all who came in and participated. Our sensory bin was filled with plastic eggs, Easter grass, and lots of Easter surprises to put in the eggs. The children used a squeegee to paint eggs and got to paint real eggs as well. For science the children

had to guess if what was inside the egg was magnetic or not. We did this as a group first then the children got to explore this on their own.

We then talked about rain and rainbows. We read many stories on the subject including the Napping House. The children enjoyed this because they got to participate using felt pieces. We also sang songs about rain and rainbows as well. We made rain in the sensory table and built with rainbow-colored blocks in the block area. We played rainbow scavenger hunt by having the children bring us something that was the same rainbow color that we asked for. We then took the items and made a rainbow. We played this over and over and we made it a little more challenging each time.

Next, we moved on to our five senses. We talked about what our senses were and did many activities that pertained to them. We



Painted with chili powder, cinnamon, ginger and black pepper. The children loved smelling all of these scents. We also made pictures using glue and Jell-O. We used our sense of touch by painting with foam paint and our sense of hearing by making paper plate maracas. We worked on math by counting out beans in a jar and at the end of the week we made popcorn in an air popper and got to take it home to eat.

Lastly, we talked about the farm and farm animals. We talked about the animals and

what their babies are called. We touched real wool and made butter to put on crackers for snack. They also got to play in a farm sensory bin which represented different textures found on the farm such as corn and cotton.

We are getting into field trip season so watch for information on our first field trip to Kayla's playground. It is tentatively set for May 25th.

Have a great month.

Renee, Nichole
& Juliet

