

Newton-Watertown Creative Start ~ Children's Center Parent Newsletter



May 2023

Monday, May 8th-CLOSED for Professional Development Day
May 17th-Policy Council at **9:30 a.m.**
May 23rd-Yoga with Joan (classrooms)
May 25th-Open Air Market at pick up
Monday, May 29th-CLOSED
Monday, June 19th-CLOSED
Wednesday, June 21st-Last Day for Classroom 2
Thursday, June 29th-Last Day for Classroom 4

Social-Emotional Information with Miss Shachi

Children are learning one of the very important lessons which is saying the problem and preventing challenging behaviors. They will practice thinking of solutions, as well as learn to speak up assertively when there is a conflict with their peers.

Classroom 3 continues to do baby doll curriculum. which included singing nursery rhymes to their babies. This teaches connection-building, focusing attention, and impulse control, among other skills.

A note from Miss Donna and Miss Hana

As the weather gets warmer please check your child's extra clothes here at the center, many have grown out of what you brought in on their first day! Also, remember to send your child with closed back shoes, no open backs, as these are unsafe when children are climbing on the climbing structure.

May 1st-May 5th is Staff Appreciation Week, feel free to leave a note to thank our hard working staff for their dedication throughout the year! Index cards are on the table in the lobby if you would like to take one and leave a note.

Family Engagement

Our next Parent Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 16th at 10:00 a.m. on Google Meet. Please join us!

Thank you to all the families who participated in our Music Monday Family Event! We hope you had fun making homemade instruments with your children!

Stay tuned for the date for our Transition to Kindergarten Night!

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

**Livia 5/5
and
Gabby 5/11**

Classroom 2-Miss Anahita and Miss Barbara

What we learned about in the month of April: We continued to explore the topic of construction and buildings. We also talked about tubes and tunnels.

Children learned that structures are different in different places in the world.

Favorite activities in the month of April: Children authored and illustrated their book, The Best World Ice Cream Shop They also used materials to make houses and paper tube hangings.

Favorite book from the past month: Dreaming Up by Christy Hale

Favorite song from the past month: "Johnny Works With One Hammer"

What we will be learning about in the month of May: We will be learning about planting and recycling. We will also study the author Christy Hale.

Family Engagement activities: Counting Higher, Add to the Tale, Spring Scavenger Hunt

Classroom 3-Miss Jen and Miss Carla

What we learned about in the month of April: We learned about building, nursery rhymes, planting-beginning to learn about seeds and what they do. We talked about the different building materials used in The Three Little Pigs.

Favorite activities in the month of April: Making bird nests, musical instruments, and doing yoga during the Week of the Young Child.

Favorite book from the past month: The little Red Hen by L. Calder. We enjoyed reading this story with puppets, and making "playdough bread"

Favorite song from the past month: "Old MacDonald had a Farm"

Favorite Fingerplay from the past month: "Here is My Garden"

What we will be learning about in the month of May: spring, planting, and plants growing, and our author study will be on Eric Carle.

Family Engagement activities: Using Different Voices, Spring Scavenger Hunt, Play and Sort Shapes

Classroom 4-Miss Toba, Miss Robina and Miss Vehanush

What we learned about in the month of April: We learned about recycling and looking for recycling logos all around us. Thanks to everyone for sending recycled materials to school! We also learned about plants, seeds, and sprouts

Favorite activities in the month of April: We cut open apples, collected their seeds, watched them sprout and planted them into soil. We also planted some beans and compared what we saw to what was on the growing chart.

Favorite book from the past month: One Beans by Anne Rockwell

Favorite song from the past month: As we all know, the month of April is National Poetry Month. Poetry is a great early literacy tool. Here is a spring poem we would like to share with you

Spring, Spring,

Springtime is here! Grass is green, and flowers grow. Birds are singing. Bees are buzzing! Kites are flying everywhere. Spring, Spring, Springtime is here!

What we will be learning about in the month of May: Author study on Eric Carle and Kindergarten. STEM topic will be Math

Family Engagement activities: 5-4-3-2-1 Countdown to Kindergarten Activities

