

Newton-Watertown Creative Start-Family Newsletter for May 2025

Important Days in May

- May 2-Picture Day
- May 5-No School -Professional Day
- May 14-Librarian visit
- May 20- Open Air Market
- May 22 Kindergarten Information Night-and Ice Cream Social
- May 23, Mr Phil Music
- May 26- Memorial Day Holiday



Teacher Appreciation Week – May 5–9

As we welcome the month of May, we look forward to one of the most meaningful celebrations in our community: Teacher Appreciation Week, happening May 5 through May 9. This special week is a time to recognize and honor the incredible teachers who pour their hearts into nurturing, guiding, and inspiring our children every single day. Their dedication, compassion, and creativity shape not just young minds, but the future of our entire community. At our program, our teachers go above and beyond to create a safe, engaging, and enriching environment for every child. They support learning, foster curiosity, and build the kind of trust that helps children thrive socially, emotionally, and academically. We invite you—our families, friends, and community members—to join us in celebrating our amazing teaching team. Whether it's a note of thanks, a child's drawing, a kind word, or a small gesture, your appreciation means the world to them. Let's come together to show how much we value their contributions to our children and our program. Thank you for being part of our supportive community and for helping us make this week truly special for our educators.

With gratitude,- Forooz

A Note From Ms. Patty

Spring Updates & Warm Welcomes! 🌸

We're thrilled to welcome two amazing new staff members to our team—Ms. Evelyn, in *Classroom 1* and Ms. Natasha in *Classroom 4*. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome to our community!

A big thank you to all the wonderful families who joined us for our Meet & Greet Breakfast with State Representative Steve Owens on April 4. It was a great morning of connection, conversation, and community—we truly appreciate your support!

Spring Planting is underway, and our little gardeners are loving it! Be sure to check out the classroom updates to see their progress.

As a reminder: 📷 Picture Day is coming up on Friday, May 2. Please make sure to return your Picture Release Permits if you haven't already. Let us know if you need another copy!

Thank you for being such an important part of our community!



Classroom 1

Love from Classroom 1-Lisa & Evelyn

Welcome to Our Classroom 1

We are so excited to share that Classroom 1 officially opened in March! A heartfelt welcome to all our little learners and their families — we're so happy to have you as part of our growing community. We're also thrilled to introduce a wonderful new addition to our team — Ms. Evelyn! Please give her a warm welcome as she joins our classroom family.

What We've Been Up To

In April, we celebrated the Week of the Young Child, filled with fun, creativity, and learning. The children had a blast engaging in hands-on activities and connecting through play.

Looking ahead to May, we will be exploring an Author Study, enjoying even more music time, and beginning to talk about summer plans. We love our outdoor playtime — often joining up with our toddler friends for shared music and fun! We especially enjoy our time with Mr. Phil, our wonderful music teacher, who brings joy and rhythm to our week.

Spring Planting is Coming!

We invite all families to join us for our Spring Planting event in May. We'll be sending out the dates soon, so stay tuned!

Thank you for being part of our Classroom 1 family. We're looking forward to a season full of learning, laughter, and growth.

Warmly,

The Classroom 1 Team- Lisa & Evelyn



Classroom 2

Warm greetings to all families and parents in Classroom 2:

April was such a special month in Preschool Class 2! We had an amazing time celebrating the Week of the Young Child, and the classroom was buzzing with excitement and creativity.

One of the biggest highlights was our Box City Project. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who joined us in the classroom to help bring this project to life! The children were absolutely beaming with pride as they worked alongside their moms and dads to design and build their parts of the city. Your presence made it all the more meaningful. The Box City displays stayed up until the end of April, giving everyone plenty of time to admire the teamwork and imagination that went into every structure.

We also want to give a special shoutout to all the families who participated in our **Parent Engagement** activities throughout April. Whether you helped during center time, contributed materials, or shared encouraging words, your involvement truly made a difference.

As we move into May, we're looking forward to even more learning adventures and joyful moments together. Thank you for being such a big part of your child's preschool experience!

With appreciation,

Preschool Class 2 Team-Anahita, Vehanush and Fatiha



Classroom News

Classroom 3 -Jen and Carla

We're excited to share all the fun and learning happening in our classroom. Here's a look back at what we did in April and a glimpse into our plans for May!

Looking Back at April: April was full of joy and discovery! We celebrated the *Week of the Young Child* with lots of special activities. Thank you so much to all the parents who joined us and helped make it a memorable week—your engagement means the world to us!

Looking Ahead to May: This month, we're diving into an *Author Study*! We'll be exploring books by some of our favorite children's authors through stories, songs, and hands-on activities. We'll also begin talking about *summer fun* and start preparing for our big *STEM Project* coming up in June. Stay tuned for more details!

Classroom Update: We are happy to share that our toddler room is growing! We currently have 7 wonderful children, and we'll be welcoming one more this week. With 8 toddlers, our classroom will be full and buzzing with even more energy and friendship.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a joyful and adventurous May with your little ones!



Classroom 4-Toba, Robina and Natasha

Dear Families,

Happy May! It's hard to believe the school year is quickly coming to a close. This month, we're continuing to grow and learn together with some exciting activities and reflections as we prepare for PreK graduation and summer.

☀ School Readiness Plan – May Focus

As we gear up for the transition to kindergarten, our school readiness focus will include:

- Letter and Sound Mastery: Practicing final sounds, blends, and beginning writing sentences.
- Math Skills: Reinforcing number sense, addition, and simple subtraction.
- Social-Emotional Development: Building confidence, expressing feelings with words, and developing independence in routines.
- Fine Motor Practice: Cutting, drawing, and writing with increased control.

We encourage families to continue these practices at home to support a smooth transition into kindergarten! Don't forget our Kindergarten Information night and Ice cream social on May 22 at 3 PM

May Author Study: Students will enjoy books like *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*, *Snuffle Bunny*, and the *Elephant & Piggie* series. Through these stories, we'll explore:

- Character feelings and reactions
- Sequencing events
- Predicting outcomes
- Expressing opinions about texts

🎉 **Thank You – Week of the Young Child:** A huge THANK YOU to all our amazing parents and families who joined us during the Week of the Young Child! Your presence, support, and energy made it extra special. The children absolutely loved sharing their learning moments with you, and your involvement means the world to them (and to us!).

Looking Ahead to Summer

As summer approaches, we'll spend time reflecting on all we've learned this year, and how far we've come. In May, we'll also begin talking about summer safety, fun reading ideas, and how to keep our brains active during break.

We are so proud of each and every student and grateful for your continued partnership this year. Here's to a joyful, learning-filled May!

Warmly,
The Classroom 4



This grilled asparagus caesar is one of my favorite recipes ever!

