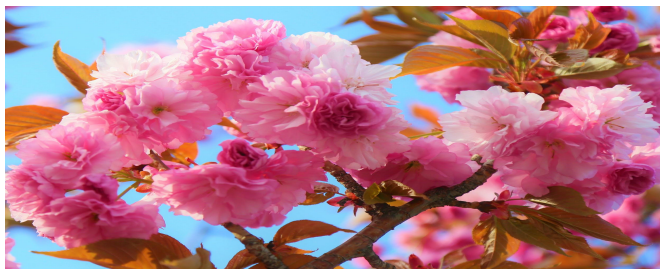


# Newton-Watertown Creative Start ~ Children's Center Parent Newsletter

## April 2023



**April 7th-early release day**  
**April 12th-Policy Council**  
**April 13th-Open Air Market at pickup**  
**April 17th-CLOSED for the holiday**  
**April 18th-21st-CLOSED for Spring break**  
**May 8th-CLOSED for Professional Development Day**  
**May 29th-CLOSED for the holiday**

### Social-Emotional Information with Miss Shachi

During Second Step lessons, your child is learning to manage disappointment, manage anger, and manage waiting. We have been practicing calming down steps: 1. Put your hand in your tummy and say STOP! 2. Name your feeling 3. Take a deep breath

Please practice these skills at home too to help them calm down. They also learned to count while waiting. You can model counting shapes or books or even toys to help her/him wait. Happy counting!

During Parent Group, we talked about the power of routine. Routines are predictable and naturally occurring activities in a child's day. Routines include caregiving, daily tasks, meals, play, community, and social activities. Please include your child in creating your home routine. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

### A note from Miss Donna and Miss Hana

**The Week of the Young Child is April 3-7. It is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibility and we ensure that each child experiences the type of environment that will promote their early learning. Our classroom schedule of events are posted on the Parent Board. Let's celebrate the children in our lives!**

### Family Engagement

Our next Parent Meeting will be on April 26th at 10:00 a.m. Please join us!

Thank you to all the families who participated in our Box City Family Event! Hope you all had fun creating houses/buildings at home with your child. We hope you also enjoyed viewing our Box City on March 28th. Thank you all!

### April Birthdays

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Elin 4/6**

**Johanna 4/10**

**Hoorain 4/16**

**Miss Toba-4/16**

**Mohammad 4/20**

**Miss Barbara 4/21**

**Miss Jen-4/21**

### **Classroom 2-Miss Anahita and Miss Barbara**

**What we learned about in the month of March:** Children learned about Building and Fairy Tales. We are exploring materials that make a structure and tools we use.

**Favorite activities in the month of March-** Children explored how ramps are used by making them and rolling different objects down them and at different heights. Children also have been busy making structures for our Box City.

**Favorite book from the past month-** The Three Little Pigs by Paul Galdone

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

**What we will be learning about in the month of April:** We Will continue to explore Buildings, environmental print around our neighborhoods.

**Family Engagement activities-** Drawing our homes . First, next, last ideas.

### **Classroom 3-Miss Jen and Miss Carla**

**What we learned about in the month of March-** We learned all about building; different building materials, and tools. We also talked about what different types of buildings are used for. We also learned about environmental print, that it is print that children see every day such as street signs and building logos.

**Favorite activities in the month of March-** We enjoyed making cardboard buildings for box City. We used cardboard, glue, tape and paint, to make a Starbucks and a construction site

**Favorite book from the past month:** We read The Three Little Pigs by Paul Galdone and talked about the different types materials the pigs used to build their houses.

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

**Favorite Fingerplay from the past month:** "Open Shut Them"

**What we will be learning about in the month of April-** We will be learning about planting and recycling

**Family Engagement activities-** Making buildings at home for Box City.

### **Classroom 4-Miss Toba, Miss Robina and Miss Vehanush**

**What we learned about in the month of March-** We learned about building and how houses and buildings are built. Children explored the different materials and tools used in building.

**Favorite activities in the month of March-** Making ramps from cardboard and other recyclables, and painting/decorating boxes in preparation for our center's Box City project

**Favorite book from the past month-** Building a House by Byron Barton

**Favorite song from the past month-** "Johnny Works with One Hammer"

Johnny works with one hammer, One hammer one hammer

Johnny works with one hammer, then he works with two.

Johnny works with two hammers, Two hammers two hammers

Johnny works with two hammers, then he works with three. Sing up to five hammers, and add the words then he goes to sleep. (hammer with 1 hand, then 2 hands, then 2 hands and 1 foot, then 2 hands and 2 feet, then 2 hands, 2 feet and head).

**What we will be learning about in the month of April-** spring, planting/Recycle

**Family Engagement activities-** Recycle collection game

