

March & April, 2017

# SMART START PRESCHOOL



## Hello Spring!

- Please join us for our third annual Chicken BBQ fundraiser!

\* Saturday, April 29th from 11 am to 4 pm

\* Chicken dinners are \$10, and with this year's proceeds will help us purchase new flooring for our Preschool and Toddler classrooms!

\* Bring your family and spread the word to your friends!

- Our warm spring weather is allowing us to be outdoors much of the day! Please remember to bring in extra changes of clothes and appropriate boots and shoes.
- Please remember our **24 hour sick rule**:

We are continuously working to sanitize our classrooms to prevent germs from spreading. Please help us by doing your part!

If your child has a fever (101 or above), vomiting, or diarrhea, they must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school. This drastically reduces the spread of infections to other students, staff, and families!

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### Important Dates

3/24 Tuition Due

4/7 Tuition Due

4/17-4/21 CLOSED -  
Spring Break

4/24 Tuition Due

4/29 CHICKEN BBQ!

5/5 Tuition Due

5/19 Tuition Due

5/29 CLOSED -  
Memorial Day

## OUR INFANT ROOM, BY HILLARY, KAYLA, & RACHEL

### This Month In The Infant Room

February and March flew by this year in our baby room. This month we introduced a few new activities to our babies. We have been finger painting more often (which often turns into a paper-tearing mess!) and have introduced coloring with our unbreakable Jumbo Crayons. All of the babies have enjoyed sensory play in our corn bin and have been experimenting with our musical instruments! All of our babies are reaching new physical milestones. Some have begun climbing our mats and running down the ramp, while others are becoming great walkers, standers, and crawlers!



### What To Expect

As the weather continues to get warmer, we look forward to spending a lot of our time outside and with our overhead door open! We are all feeling a little stir-crazy and are excited to play in the grass and sun! This month we will be trying to motivate our sitting babies to crawl and stand, and will be trying to help our crawling babies take their first steps! We will continue to experiment with finger painting and coloring, and will swap out our corn sensory bin with one filled with feathers and Pom Poms!



## OUR TODDLER ROOM, BY BECCA, ABBEY, & BROOKE

### What's new?

We have had some great themes over the past few weeks in the Toddler room that the kids really enjoyed. During Dr. Seuss week we read books by Dr. Seuss and played matching games with socks! Next was Zoo week where the Toddlers made many zoo animal crafts and looked for patterns on zoo animals. Finally, we had our St. Patrick's Day week. Although it was interrupted by two snow days, we still were able to have fun looking for gold coins and sorting shapes and clovers! We have been focusing a lot on patterns throughout our themed weeks. Are there any patterns around your house you can identify with your toddler?



### What's to come?

We have started to talk about SPRING! We are looking forward to exploring outside and finding all the signs of spring, like flowers, bugs, and birds. We will look for shapes and work more on sorting by size. As it gets warmer outside we will be able to play more on the playground and take walks on the trails behind our school! The melting snow and ice is sure to bring lots of mud, so please remember to send extra outdoor clothes to school.





## OUR PRESCHOOL ROOM, BY CASEY, JAMI, & MORGAN

### March in the Preschool Room...

The past month in the Preschool Room has been fresh and exciting with the introduction of some new concepts! We began telling time on our color coded clock, started describing our emotions through colors and weather and we learned a lot of new songs! The preschoolers are becoming pro's at letter recognition and are still working hard on their numbers. Reinforcing our shapes and colors through new games has been a highlight of our month, especially with our new colorful circle carpet! Some of our favorite themes of the month were Dinosaur week, Dr. Seuss week and of course St. Patrick's Day! These themes involved some fun and messy sensory bins!



### What's coming up next?

The preschoolers will be continuing to practice letters and numbers and even learning some small words! We have some more fun themes coming up such as bugs, the ocean, and Earth Day where we will be learning more about the environment and all things in it. As our nature walk season approaches we ask to please make sure to bring in some boots and extra clothing and be prepared for the muddy ones coming home!

