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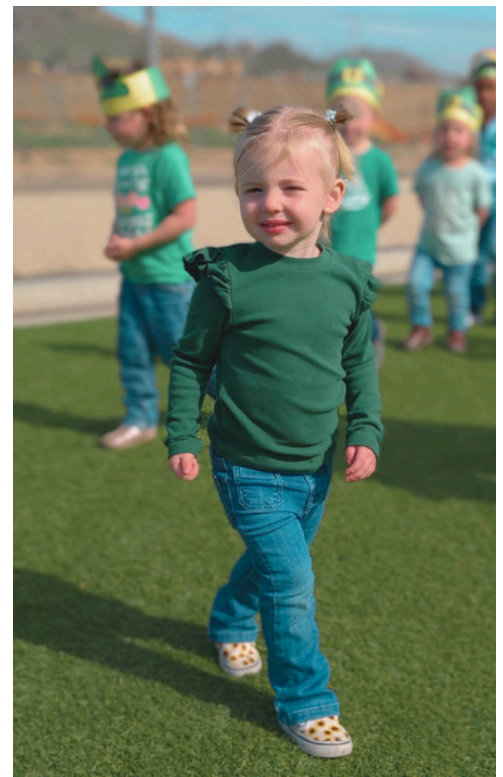
“Where Your Kids Spread Their Wings”



A note to our families

Spring has officially begun and we are all here for it. Can you believe that we only have a few short months left before the end of the school year? During the month of April we will be doing all things Spring and learning how to care for the Earth. Spring weather can be difficult to determine at times, so please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately as outdoor play is an important part of their growth and development.

“THE EDUCATION OF EVEN A
SMALL CHILD, THEREFORE,
DOES NOT AIM AT
PREPARING HIM FOR
SCHOOL, BUT FOR LIFE.”
-MARIA MONTESSORI



Did you know???

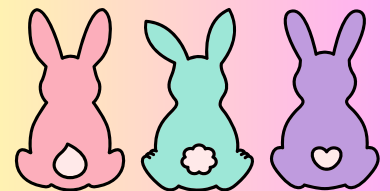
Early cognitive development refers to the growth of a child's ability to think, learn, and process information, which begins in infancy and rapidly progresses during the preschool years. Research by Piaget (1952) suggests that children move through distinct stages of cognitive development, starting with the sensorimotor stage (birth to 2 years), where they learn through sensory experiences and motor actions. Vygotsky (1978) emphasized the role of social interaction in cognitive growth, proposing that language and guided learning shape a child's intellectual abilities. Studies show that early experiences, such as caregiver interactions and exposure to stimulating environments, significantly influence brain development (Center on the Developing Child, 2007). High-quality early learning and responsive caregiving, have been linked to better problem-solving skills, memory, and attention in later years (Shonkoff & Phillips, 2000). These findings highlight the importance of early childhood education and supportive environments in fostering cognitive development.

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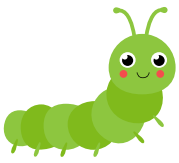
April Birthdays

Ms. Christi 04/05
Willow A. 04/06
Dominic V. 04/11
Agustin S. 04/16
Penelope A. 04/23



Dates to Remember

Thursday, Apr. 17th
Easter Parties
Sunday, Apr. 20th
Easter Sunday



April Rhymes and Fingerplays

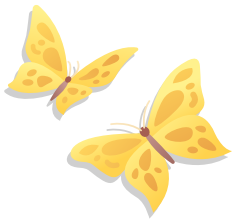
Caterpillar, Caterpillar

Caterpillar, caterpillar you are such a pretty sight.
 Caterpillar, caterpillar munching leaves day and night.
 Take care what you do, birds will be hunting you.
 Take care what you do, birds will be hunting you.
 Caterpillar, caterpillar you have had enough to eat.
 Caterpillar, caterpillar in your chrysalis you'll sleep.
 Still and silent lie, 'till you are a butterfly.
 Still and silent lie, 'till you are a butterfly.

Spring Is Here

Spring is here. Spring is here.
 Goodbye snow, flowers grow.
 Birds and bees. Leaves on Trees.
 Spring is here. Spring is here

HELLO
SPRING



Book Recommendations:

“The Tiny Seed”

By: Eric Carle

“There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Chick”

By: Lucille Colandro

“When Spring Comes”

By: Kevin Henkes



April Curriculum:

Pre-Primary/Primary

Week 1:

Flowers & Bees

Week 2:

Rainbows & Clouds

Week 3:

Easter Fun

Week 4:

Our Earth

Week 5:

Birds

Advanced Primary

Week 1:

The Sun & Clouds

Week 2:

Reptiles & World Flags

Week 3:

Easter Fun

Week 4:

The Moon & Stars

Week 5:

Photosynthesis

