The Director’s Corner

Yeah! Spring has Sprung! “April Showers bring May Flowers!” Our children strengthen growing muscles when they are climbing, running, playing ball and jumping, so we will be going outside as much as possible.

We are wrapping up summer enrollment and fall enrollment is underway, so if you need to make any changes please stop by to see me ASAP! We will be celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 16th-20th. Each day we will be doing activities for each theme.

This year’s themes are:
Monday— Music Monday
Tuesday— Tasty Tuesday
Wednesday— Work Together Wednesday
Thursday— Artsy Thursday
Friday— Family Friday

Save the date for our Spring Carnival! It will be held on May 9th from 5:30—7:00 pm. We will have the Ross Park ZooMobile here, games, pizza, hot dogs, popcorn, photo booth, ice cream works truck, and many more other fun things for the children to enjoy! I am sure it will be another fun-filled time for all!

Enjoy the sunshine,
Tonya Rivera
Executive Director
Sparrows

April has arrived, but we are not sure about Spring. We will keep looking for buds and sprouts, watching for robins and chipmunks, and try to go outdoors as much as possible. Please continue to dress your child in layers and we can adjust for the changing temperatures. We will be doing some planting, taking spring walks and reading new books about spring.

Our children are all now 2 years old! We are seeing some changing and sometimes difficult behaviors as they experience new feelings and try to assert their independence. This is sometimes “scary” for the child having difficulty and “scary” for the other children who witness it. We continue to have patience, talking to everyone about how we feel and reassuring them that everything and everyone will be alright.

Think warmth and sunshine,
Ms. Kelly, Ms. Louise, & Ms. Rebecca

Chickadees

Let’s hope that “Spring” is really here! The Chickadees have enjoyed a visit from a group of bag pipers, Irish dancers and participating in BU’s Health Fair on campus.

April is still a month with a mix of weather and lots of mud! Please remember to have all the proper outdoor clothing so that we can enjoy the outdoor weather. Boots are still great to have so that we can prevent our regular shoes from being ruined in all the mud. It is so much easier when everyone has the appropriate outdoor clothing.

I’m sure you have noticed that your toddler has grown a lot since the beginning of the year. This is a great job to check your child’s tub for any outgrown clothing and replenish their supply.

In April we will be discussing the change in weather/season, working on spring flowers, planting, baby animals and many other related projects.

The Chickadees also want to wish Brielle a Happy Birthday on April 14th. She will be “3” years old! We always have a simple celebration in our classroom to celebrate their special day!

Developmental Fact:
Play is learning! When your child builds with blocks s/he learns:
• to use her/his imagination to create something from her/his own thinking
• has the satisfaction of being able to make something
• learns about sizes and shapes, weights and balances, height and depth, smoothness and roughness
• is experiencing her/his body
• learns to play with others

Ms. Chris, Ms. Emily & Ms. Kaytlin

Swans

March definitely came in like a lion this year. Hopefully spring weather is here to stay! We have been getting outside as much as we can. Now that we are all 3, we sometimes use the bug gym and big playground, which they seem to thoroughly enjoy.

Please continue to bring boots for outdoor time since we are entering into spring-like weather, which can result in mud. Please check your child’s cubby and make sure he/she has appropriate extra clothing.

During the month of April we will be discussing shapes, gardening, The Week of Young Child, and April Showers units. Please take note of the classroom memo about shapes week. Your child may bring an items from home they can share with the class. The item must correspond with the Shape of the Day. During The Week of the Young Child, we are looking for parents to read a book with the class on April 20th. Please see one of us if you’re interested. We hope this month brings about more fun and learning!

Happy Spring!
Ms. Sarah, Ms. Michelle & Ms. Keeshia

Doves

Hello Dove Families!
Happy Spring! We hope you are having a wonderful springtime thus far. We have been very grateful for the warmer weather.

Last month we had fun reading Dr. Seuss, learning about hibernation, and celebrating St. Patrick’s Day. We also learned a lot about Springtime weather and finished with egg week. We hope you enjoyed the colorful crafts that came home.

This April we will start by learning about caterpillars and butterflies. We are excited about the beautifully unique artwork that we will be making.

Weather is next and we will be talking about the way the weather looks and moves. The children love to act weather out already, so this will be a fun week to discover it further.

After weather we will explore the world of pets. We will talk about different pets we have at home. We will also be learning about our new classroom pet, Nintendo! He is a crown tail betta and the class loves him. We will now include him in our morning greetings everyday!

The following week we will be diving into fun poetry for young children. We will be reading lots of short rhymes and descriptive pieces. We will be asking a lot of questions about the world around us to develop some poetry of our own.

To finish up the month we will working on a rainforest unit. We will be trying to transform our learning space into a rainforest to learn about the animals and plants that live there!

Have a great month!
Ms. Sarah, Ms. Christina & Ms. Tammy
**Hummingbirds**

Spring has Sprung! We will be spending a lot of time outside and enjoying the spring weather.

We will start the dinosaurs in April because March got away from us. We will also be doing spring related activities.

We will be celebrating the week of the young child April 16th-20th. Each day of the week targets a different theme. More details to come.

Happy Birthday to Cameron and Grayson. They will turn 4 in April.

We would like to welcome Glenn to our class!

A big thank you to Ana’s mom for coming with us to the Health Fair. We appreciate all of your help!

Ms. Gabe, Ms. Michelle & Ms. Janet

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**Puffins**

Spring has sprung, we think!!

Hopefully we can say goodbye to winter.

April is a great month to plant and prepare for vegetable and flower gardens. The Puffins will be celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 16th-20th, 2018. Each day of the week targets a different theme. Fun activities are planned!

We will be spending more time outside! Please be sure your child has appropriate gear.

Thank you,
Ms. Claire, Ms. Lynda & Ms. Vicky

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**Flamingos**

Hooray! Spring is here! Now if we can get mother nature on board and bring some sunshine! With this being said it still has been chilly while we have been on the playground. Parents please continue to bring in hats, gloves and/or mittens and boots. Thank you kindly!

We started March with Dr. Seuss which incorporated math and language arts. Then we had a visit from the leprechaun. The children couldn’t believe their eyes when they walked into a messy classroom, with green tiny foot prints everywhere. They also noticed that our milk was green and even our toilet water, YES our toilet water. Unfortunately we didn’t catch the leprechaun this year but he did leave us a note which lead us to some gold coins that left for us :) We then ended the month with a Weather unit.

Our themes for April — finishing up our Weather unit, Bunny/Egg/Chicks crafts, Nutrition, Healthy Teeth and Exercise. The Flamingos will also be learning about ordinal numbers, combining and separating.

It is that time of year for “Family/Teacher Conferences”. Please keep an eye out for sign-ups which will be located on the clipboard.

The Flamingos are doing a remarkable job. It is a busy month, which means lots of fun :) 

Birthdays:
Damian—April 12th

Ms. Miranda & Ms. Phyllis

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**Peacocks**

April showers bring May flowers...so we hope! In March we did a color study and celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with Bag Pipes and Irish Dancers. The class enjoyed making Leprechaun traps and finding gold coins. We finished the month learning about dinosaurs and celebrated a Dino-Rama.

This month our themes will be the signs of Spring, an Art Study and down on the farm. If you haven’t done so already, please register your child for Kindergarten. Family/Teacher conferences will be scheduled in the next few weeks. Stay tuned for more information.

Happy Spring!
Ms. Julie & Ms. Carolyn
The Carnival is coming,
The Carnival is coming……
Our 18th Annual Spring Carnival will be held on
Wednesday, May 9th from 5:30– 7pm
There will be food, games & prizes!
More info to follow soon!

**Key Signs of Kindergarten Readiness**
According to the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics, the signs of a child’s kindergarten readiness include being able to:
- Communicate about things he or she need and wants
- Be curious and enthusiastic about trying new activities
- Share and take turns
- Pay attention and sit still
- Use pencil and paint brushes
- Count as high as 20
- Recognize the letters of the alphabet
Other signs of readiness include the ability to follow one-to-three step instructions, behave well in the classroom, and get along well with peers.

When Kids Sneeze…..
A cold or allergies?
Look for these allergy traits
- **Allergic “shiners”**- dark under-eye circles that occur from constant congestion
- **The allergic “salute”**- when a child swipes his hand across his nose to clear the never-ending drainage.
- **Chronic sniffles with skin issues such as eczema**— skin conditions pester many who have overactive immune systems that cause allergies.
- **A brother, sister or parent with allergies**— This means a child’s risk of developing similar problems is higher than average. If both parents have allergies, there is up to a 75% chance a child will develop allergies.

Happy Birthday
Michelle A. (18th)
Tammy (23rd)

When is our summer session?
Summer session begins on July 9th and ends on August 10th, 2018

Notice: Early Closure Date Change
Please note that the early closure scheduled for May 18th has been changed, due to BU Commencement that weekend. The early closure will NOW take place on May 11th. Please note the date change and plan for alternate care for that afternoon.
Thank you!