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 us ASAP! We will be celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 8th-12th. 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

Teacher Appreciation and Spring Carnival Committees

May is going to be a busy month and we need you! Teacher Appreciation Week and our 19th Annual Spring Carnival are fast approaching. Teacher Appreciation Week this year is May 6th-10th and our Spring Carnival will be on May 14th from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm. We are looking for parents and family members to help make these events a success.

If you are interested in joining a Teacher Appreciation Week or Spring Carnival planning committee please let the office know. Likewise, if you would like to donate time, services, or raffle items to either the Teacher Appreciation Week or Spring Carnival festivities, or both, we would love to hear from you!

In 2018, parent donations for Teacher Appreciation Week enabled us to purchase lunch for the teachers, a breakfast for the teachers and each day special items were given to them. We are collecting monetary donations in the amount of your choice so that we can demonstrate our appreciation to the teachers for all that they do. There will be a small labeled wooden box with a lid in the front office, on the filing cabinet behind the door donations.

Please make your donation by Wednesday, May 1st to ensure enough time to catalog all donations. If you are unable to make a donation, but have another idea of something to do for the teachers, please contact Tonya.

Enjoy the sunshine,
Tonya Rivera
Executive Director
Sparrows

Happy Spring! March was an exciting busy month. We had dancing, visiting and doing yoga at the health fair, as well as an unfortunate stomach bug that struck whole families.

April is going to be busy and fun as we experience wind, mud, rain, and probably more snow. We will talk about the changing weather, look for signs of spring, color eggs, make spring baskets and hopefully enjoy warmer weather. Please continue to provide boots and snow pants as well as layering the children so we can dress them appropriately for the weather. As we have more sun exposure it is time to apply sunscreen again. We will be doing some activities participating in the week of the young child. There will be a children's fair at SUNY Broome campus on Saturday May 4th, that will have numerous activities for children.

Congratulations to Henry’s dad for winning a 2019 Graduate Student Excellence Award for research in economics!

Think warm and sun,
Ms. Kelly, Ms. Louise, & Ms. Rebecca

Chickadees

In April we will be working on our spring theme. We will be talking about the change of the seasons and hopefully taking long walks to observe the changes. We will also be talking about baby animals, buds on the trees, spring flowers and doing many spring related projects.

Please keep snow pants and boots here at school for a little while. It tends to be muddy and cold on the playground for a while. We spend as much time as we can outdoors. We are all looking forward for the nicer weather to arrive. It has been a long winter!

Also in April we will be celebrating the Week of the Young Child April 8th-12th. We will be planning fun activities for each day of the week and are looking for families to volunteer some time to either read a special story or do an activity/project with the children. Let us know if you are interested in participating!

Think Spring, blue skies and sunshine!
Ms. Chris, Ms. Teá & Ms. Emily

Swans

Spring has been making an appearance lately and we are enjoying the outdoors. Along with the warmer weather comes mud, we’ve been wearing our boots when we use the playground. With the changing temperatures going back and forth, please be sure your child has hats and mittens for the cooler days.

The first week of April we will be doing all things farm related. The second week is the Week of the Young Child. Friday, April 12th, we invite you to come and share a book with the class. Feel free to come read either at morning drop off or at pick up. Let one of us know if this is something you would like to do.

The third week will be centered around the topic of eggs and the final week is all about gardening. Be on the lookout for colored eggs and flowers we intend to grow from seeds.

Looking forward to more learning and growing as we are all 3 now. Lets just hope we can all stay healthier this month!

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

Doves

Hello Dove Families!

Happy April! We will be leaving March behind us and traveling ahead. Our last two themes of spring and weather were very fun. We painted our perfect spring day with finger paints and many wonderful visitors. We studied the weather and made our own storm clouds.

Moving into April we will be learning about flowers and plants. Hopefully we will get a chance to design a little garden of our own. Next we will be learning about caterpillars and butterflies. We will be exploring the life cycle of butterflies as well. Then we will be starting egg week. We have many fun decorating ideas for this theme.

We will be ending the month with exploring the world of turtles and frogs. We will be working with many science based materials this week.

Congratulations to Angeline and her family to the birth of her baby brother!

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

Spring has sprung! We will be spending as much time outside as we can. We will be doing spring related activities this month. We will also be doing a unit on transportation and we will be making our own vehicles out of boxes.

We will be celebrating the week of the young child April 8th-12th. During that week NAEYC has a week of activities planned for us to do in the classroom.

Congratulations to Ipek and her family of the birth of her baby brother. We would like to welcome Barb to our Hummingbird classroom!

Ms. Gabe, Ms. Michelle & Ms. Barb

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**Puffins**

Spring has sprung! March definitely came in like a lion and went out like a lamb. Will April showers bring May flowers? Ask the Puffins, they are keeping a watchful eye on the subject.

April is a great time to start planting inside. We will also be celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 8th-12th. Each day of the week targets a different theme. More details to come. Other April themes are famous artists and Earth Day.

Happy Birthday to Emmett, 1st, and Brielle, 14th. They will both turn 4 in April.

Happy Spring!

Ms. Claire, Ms. Toni & Ms. Katie

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**Flamingos**

This April the Flamingos will be learning lots of new things as well as reviewing what we have learned all year. We have fun units on weather, spring crafts and being healthy. April 8th-12th is the week of the Young Child, where we have different fun-filled themes for each day.

The class is sad to say goodbye to Ms. Miranda and Ms. Phyllis, but they are settling in nicely. It has been so wonderful to get to know each child.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Happy Birthday to Madelyn 22nd, Michael 22nd and Grayson 28th. They will all be turning 5 this month!

Ms. Robyn & Ms. Jamie

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**Peacocks**

April showers bring May flowers. We are enjoying the beginning of spring and warmer weather. The children are so happy getting outside and playing on the playground. March was a busy, but fun filled month. The class completed our unit on community helpers, Dr. Seuss and a color study. March went out with a roar as we went back in time with our Dinosaur week. Students built a dino-rama, molded their favorite dinosaurs and even watched a dino egg hatch! Also, a big thank you to Miranda and John (Atticus’s parents), for sharing a special family story and visiting our class. We have the best families and appreciate all of your continued support.

In April, we look forward to our Art Study, the Week of the Young Child and observing the weather. It is also time for Kindergarten Registration, so please check with your home school for exact dates and necessary forms. The children have shown a lot of progress this past year. It’s hard to believe we only have a couple months till our PreK Graduation.

Ms. Julie & Ms. Carolyn
The Carnival is coming, 
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Our 19th Annual Spring Carnival will be held on 
**Tuesday, May 14th from 5:30– 7pm**
There will be food, games & prizes!
More info to follow soon!

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**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.

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**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.

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The last date of the **9 Month Schedule** is **May 31st, 2019.**
The last date of the **10 Month Schedule** is **June 28th, 2019.**

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

**When is our summer session?**
Summer session begins on July 8th and ends on August 9th, 2019

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**Closure Reminder**
Just a reminder that CPS will be **CLOSED**
Monday, April 22nd
in observance of Easter Monday. Please make plans for alternate care for that day.