Every classroom has been doing very exciting spring activities so make sure to check out what the children are creating!

Teacher Appreciation Week is next week, May 7th-May 11th! There is still time to donate to help us celebrate our wonderful teachers all week!

Join us Wednesday, May 9th from 5:30-7:00pm for our Spring Carnival! Much fun to be had by all.

As a reminder, Fall enrollment packets are due Friday, May 25th. If your child will not be joining us for the summer session, but will be returning in the Fall, the holding fee of $150 is due Friday, May 18th.

Please stop in and welcome our new Assistant Director, Ms. Lauren! We are all so glad that she is here and would like to extend the warmest of welcomes to her. Welcome to the family!

Enjoy the sunshine,
Tonya Rivera
Executive Director
Sparrows

April has been busy learning about mud, wind and early spring. We had fun doing the WOYC activities—pizza, group blocks, and pictures with mom and dad.

We will continue to “Spring” ahead in May. We will be planting and preparing the garden, making some Spring flowers and blossoms, and taking adventures around campus.

We think it may be safe to take the winter clothing home. Please remember to provide a sweatshirt, fleece, or sweater for your child on those cool mornings. We are having difficulty identifying children’s belongings such as cups and clothing. Please label everything even if it is just initials. Please apply sunscreen to your child first thing in the morning and we will reapply in the afternoon. If you would like your child to wear a sun hat, please be sure the teachers know.

We will be having family/teacher conferences in June so look for the sign-up sheet then.

Thank you,
Ms. Kelly, Ms. Louise, & Ms. Rebecca

Chickadees

Yeah! We believe Spring has finally arrived! We want to thank all of our parents for participating in the Week of The Young Child. We had 100% participation in family hand-prints for our family tree, Razan’s mom came in to share her family traditions for the Bengali New Year, and Emmett & Oliver’s moms read special stories with the class.

In May we will be planting and working on special gifts for our Moms. We will also be spending more time outdoors. Please make sure that your child has sunscreen at school or apply it before they come to school. We will let you know if their sunscreen at school is expired or not. Also, because ticks have become a nuisance, we will be checking the children upon coming indoors. Please do the same at home and be sure to remove them as quickly as possible.

We want to wish Henry and Sabina a Happy Birthday! Henry will be 3 on May 14th and Sabina will be 3 on May 21st.

Finally, this may be a good time to go through your child’s clothing bin and check for any out-grown clothing.

Thank you,
Ms. Chris, Ms. Emily, & Ms. Kaitlyn

Swans

Hopefully Spring is here to stay!

Starting out the month of May, we will be doing all things flowers. Hopefully our flowers will continue to grow. We will be sending them home soon for you all to enjoy.

Throughout the rest of May, we will be doing a bug unit, textures in nature, and a dinosaurs unit. Lots of fun things in store!

Be on the lookout for family/teacher conference sign-up sheets for the 21st and 23rd of May.

Please be sure to check your child’s cubby and make sure they have weather-appropriate extra clothing.

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

Doves

Hello Dove Families!

Here we are coming out of April and into May! We had a lot of fun in April making butterfly creations and doing lots of movement during weather week. We are finishing up April and moving into May with rainforest week. On May 1st we will do a couple of May Day activities and we will be going to the greenhouse this week as well.

We will be doing a unit about Hawaii with some books that came straight from the islands! The kids will be learning some hula steps and making lots of cool projects.

After that we will jump into flower and plant week. We will be doing some outside exploration and working with some plants of our own. The following week we will be learning about turtles and frogs. There are a lot of fun activities planned this week.

The last week of May we will be learning about the wonderful world of birds. Our friends in class will have fun acting out being different types of birds.

Thanks,
Ms. Sara, Ms. Tammy, & Ms. Christina
Hummingbirds

In May we will be working on our Mother’s Day gifts, decorating pots, and planting flowers. We will be spending as much time outside as we can. Please make sure your child has a bottle of sunscreen and a water bottle at school.

We look forward to Kaitlyn (Cameron’s mom) coming in to do an activity for Cinco de Mayo.

A big thank you to Rory’s GiGi for the new toys! We have enjoyed playing with them!

Happy Birthday to Anna and Bersu who will turn 4 in May.

We are sad to say goodbye to Yousef. Best of luck to him and his family.

Happy Spring,
Ms. Gabe, Ms. Michele & Ms. Janet

Puffins

Mother’s Day is fast approaching. The children will be busy working on their Mother’s Day gifts, so no peeking!

Hopefully in May the weather will warm up and we will see the sun more often. We look forward to spending more time on the playground.

The Puffins are anxious to take home and plant their sunflowers that are now growing on the windowsill. We will also be preparing a garden area for them to plant flowers and vegetables near our playground.

With the weather getting warmer, it is important to rehydrate after being active outdoors. Please feel free to send in a water bottle for your child to keep in their cubby.

Happy 4th Birthday to Atticus (24th)!

Ms. Claire, Ms. Lynda & Ms. Vicky

Flamingos

April showers bring May flowers! April seemed to be a weather roller coaster, so we are looking forward to those May flowers as well as more consistently warm, sunny weather! Please send in lighter jackets.

Toward the end of April we discussed nutrition, healthy foods versus non-healthy foods, and what foods do to our bodies. We will also discuss the importance of exercising and will have Kevin, a personal trainer. He will be talking to us about why daily exercise is important to our bodies and will show us some exercises to do.

Dinosaurs ARE BACK! The Flamingos are traveling back in time to the Prehistoric Era of the Dinosaurs. We will become Paleontologist’s studying all about herbivores and carnivores. We are excited to dig up fossils of these amazing creatures and create our own dino-skeletons, dino-habitats, and other crafts.

Then we will learn about “Growing and Changing” and we will be working together for our “Garden Project”. The children will be planting a variety of seeds, from flowers to many kinds of vegetables. During this time they will observe how their own potted seeds germinate and grow.

We are very excited to watch our vegetables grow so we can pick them and we can’t wait to eat our yummy treats. During this time the Flamingos will be learning about the “Life Cycle of a Plant”.

Exciting news- The Flamingos will be doing an egg incubation project! We will place 12 chicken eggs in our incubator and begin to watch and wait all 21 days for them to hatch. During this time we will discuss the “Life Cycle of a Chick”.

The Flamingos would love to say thank you to all the mothers and other important women in our lives. We love and appreciate all the hard work and love that you show us. Have a wonderful Mother’s Day, we couldn’t do it without you! We will continue working on our “Alphabet Journals”, letters G, E, and D. A very busy and fun month!

Happy Birthday to Ms. Phyllis (6th)!
Ms. Miranda & Ms. Phyllis

Peacocks

April was a busy month full of fun. We began by looking for signs of spring. Students observed buds on trees, weather changes, and grass growing. The daffodils in our class garden have already bloomed.

In our Art Study we learned about Monet and Matisse. Students created “lily pond” paintings on canvas. The class enjoyed reading “The Dot” and made their own Dot sculptures. We celebrated the Week of the Young Child and finished up the month with Nursery Rhymes.

In May, our themes will be Down on the Farm and Gardening. As the weather gets warmer, we will be growing our vegetables and planting flowers. We look forward to celebrating our Mothers and all the wonderful things they do for us.

Just a reminder, Family-Teacher Conferences are May 8th-May 10th. We look forward to meeting with you and thank you for your continued support.

Happy Birthday to Rui (25th) and Lizzie (31st)! Both are turning 5!

Thank you!
Ms. Julie & Ms. Carolyn
Spring Carnival will be held on Wednesday, May 9th from 5:30 – 7pm
New this year:
- Ice Cream Works! Truck
- Baxter the Bearcat
- Binghamton Devils Mascot

REMINDER
Spring Tuition must be paid in full before your child can start Summer Session.

Attention BU Students
When registering at CPS last Spring you were given the option of enrolling your child for 9 months or 10 months. If you are enrolled for the 9 month schedule, your last day is Friday, May 25th.
There is no Block Grant money available for summer.

REMINDER:
CPS will be CLOSED at 1:00 pm on Friday, May 11th, for staff development. Please make plans for alternate care for that afternoon.

May 7th-May 11th is Teacher Appreciation Week.

REMINDER:
CPS will be CLOSED on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.

Registration Packets Due:
Summer session packets were due April 11th. If you have not turned in your packet please do so.
Fall packets are due Friday, May 25th. Fall holding fee of $150 is due Friday, May 18th, if your child won’t be joining us for the summer session.

Happy Birthday
Tonya Rivera (4)
Phyllis Hubbel (6)
Gabe Kopansky (11)
Chrissy Briar (11)
Kelly Barton (16)
Christina Rui (20)
Heather Jones (23)
Janet Jensen (29)