

Kiwanis Day Care Center



March 2019

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

March 1 John K.
March 2 Ms. Eva
March 3 Grace R.
March 3 Taylor W.
March 13 Anastacia C.
March 17 Ms. Abby
March 24 Maggie

Important Dates:

March 4 - 8 Dr. Seuss Week
March 10 Daylight Savings Time
Begins
March 15 NO Pre-K
March 17 St. Patrick's Day
March 20 Spring Begins
March 25 NO Pre-K
March 26-29 Spring Break for Pre-K



Spring is finally upon us. The days will be getting warmer and the children will be able to get outside more. Please be sure your child has an extra set of clothes and also check with your child's teacher to make sure we have sunscreen for your child.

We are already thinking about our Easter Egg Hunt in April. Our Easter Egg hunt will take place Thursday, April 18th. We are asking for plastic egg donations and treats to fill the eggs. We can never have too many eggs for the children. Please feel free to start bringing in your donations.

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The week of March 4 - 8 is "Read To Me Week". Below is 10 benefits that highlight the importance of reading with young children.

1. Reading to young children sets them up to succeed:

The more you read to your children, the more knowledge they absorb, and knowledge is important in all aspects of life. There have been many studies that show reading to babies and toddlers gives them a head start and helps to prepare them for school later down the line.

2. Reading develops language skills:

While you may speak with your children every day, the vocabulary you use is often limited and repetitive. Reading books ensures that your child is exposed to vocabulary on different topics, which means they hear words or phrases which they may not hear otherwise in their day to day lives.

3. Exposure to reading exercises your child's brain:

Reading to young children affects their brain activity and may just give them that boost they need to support and promote their early reading skills.

4. Reading enhances a child's concentration:

While you may think it is useless reading to a toddler who wants to constantly turn pages, swap books, or throw them around altogether, reading with your little one is extremely important at this age. By consistently reading to your child every day, your child will learn to concentrate and sit still for longer periods of time, which can help later on when they go to school.

5. Reading together encourages a thirst for knowledge:

Reading to your children leads to questions about the book and the information within. It gives you a chance to speak about what is happening and use this as a learning experience.

6. A range of books teaches children about different topics:

Providing your child with different types of books on different topics gives them a wide range of information for them to learn.

7. Reading develops a child's imagination and creativity:

One of the great benefits of reading with children is watching their growing imagination. When we really engage in a book we imagine what the characters are doing. We imagine the setting as reality.

8. Reading books with children helps to develop empathy:

When a child can put himself into the story it helps them to develop empathy. They identify with characters, and they feel what they are feeling. Children begin to understand and relate to emotions.

9. Books are a form of entertainment:

With so much technology these days it is difficult not to get caught up in all the hype of it all. TV, Video games, smart phones and apps are popular among children. However, reading a good book that your child is interested in can be just as entertaining.

10. Reading together helps to create a bond:

There's nothing better than cuddling up to your little one and reading a book or a bedtime story together. Spending time with one another, reading, and talking, can bring parents closer to your children.

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New Employees:

Ms. Brittany, our office assistant, will be leaving us in a few short weeks. We will miss her greatly and wish her the best of luck on her new journey.

We have hired a new Assistant Director. Ms. Bendie Blair will be joining us on Monday, March 11. Ms. Bendie has 20 years experience working with children, an AA degree in Early Childhood, and a BA in Health Sciences. I believe she will be a great asset to our center.

Ms. Madison joined us in late February and is the new teacher assistant in the 3yr old room.

Ms. Angela joined us in January and is the other assistant teacher in our nursery.