

# What's Springing up at The Learning Well in April?

## APRIL Academic Focus

Happy Spring and Happy April Everyone!

Just when we thought it was spring, Mother Nature decided winter wasn't done with us! Luckily, we finally seem to be enjoying some warmer weather. Although "April Showers bring May Flowers", we will take every opportunity to spend more time outside. Your children strengthen growing muscles when they are climbing, running, playing ball and jumping.

This month, we will focus on some of the natural themes that come with Spring; the changing weather, our feathered friends, caterpillars and butterflies. The two preschool rooms will get Butterfly Habitats and everyone will get a chance to watch caterpillars turn into butterflies! We'll end the month with our Earth Day theme. This is when we focus on how we can keep the earth clean and how to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle".

The children have been creating some very cool artwork utilizing some non-traditional methods. Last week, in the upstairs pre-k classroom, the kids made "planets" using balloons! They dipped in the paint, then stamped the paper. They really loved it!



A quick thank you to everyone for being so considerate with illnesses and keeping your children home when they showed signs of a cold or flu. I think it really helped to keep the "bugs" to a minimum!

For full-day families - - We are open Monday, April 16 - Patriots Day. If your child will not be attending school that day, please let Miss Christine or your child's teacher know! Thank you! The pre-k programs that end at 12/12:30 will be on vacation the week of April 16 - 20th.

Happy Spring!

### Toddler Ones and Twos

Letters: ..... U, V, W

Numbers: ..... Review 1-10

Colors: ..... Blue and Purple

Shapes: ..... Square and Oval

### Preschool Up and Down

Letters: ..... Uu, Vv, Ww

Numbers: ..... 20 and review

Spanish: ..... Viente

Colors: ..... Purple and Blue

Spanish: ..... Morado and Azul

Shape: ..... Hexagon

Spanish: ..... el Hexágono

Sight Words: ..... All, Am, On

## REMINDERS:

- Please call the Center or notify your classroom teacher if your child is going to be absent or late.
- Please, PLEASE hold your child's hand when walking across the parking lot.
- Please, PLEASE drive SLOWLY through the parking lot, and watch for little people! We know the parking lot is small and can be a tight squeeze at certain times of the day. Let's keep everyone safe.
- Check your child's spare clothes and make sure you replace outgrown items with bigger and seasonally appropriate ones.

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:** *"If a child cannot learn in the way we teach, we must teach in a way the child can learn."*

## Spring has Sprung in the Infant Room!



Hi Infant Families! March was very busy in the infant room. We looked at pictures of bunnies and ducks and used plastic eggs as shakers and, of course, we did a lot of egg basket filling and dumping! We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with lots of Green! We hope you all enjoyed our window art. We had great fun painting hands and feet and creating silly artwork.

As always, we will be working on skills that each infant needs and tailoring learning activities to each individual child. We will work on rolling over, sitting up, crawling, eating, and tummy time. For our infants six months and older we will introduce signing "more," "milk", and "please." Sign language is a wonderful way to introduce language

and allows the children to express their needs to their teachers.

We are so excited that spring is here! It offers up great opportunities for sensory play and getting outside for some fresh air. We will introduce some new songs and read books about birds, caterpillars, and butterflies.

Sadly we say good-bye to Gianna as she begins her transition to the Ones Room this month. We're going to miss you, Gianna! We welcome two new friends in April; Jasper and Fiona! If you see them, please say hello!

We celebrated both Gianna's and Tanner's birthdays last month. We cannot believe they're ONE!

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Spring!

~ Your Infant Room Teachers

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## Swing into Spring with the Toddler Ones

April has arrived and hopefully the warmer weather comes with it! With the exception of those crazy March Nor'easters, we had begun to spend more time outside. If the weather holds, we'll be out there more often, so please make sure your children have appropriate clothing and shoes.

March was a *blast* in the Ones Room as we *Blasted* into space and explored new planets! We also went back in time to the age of dinosaurs -- and read fun books like *Dinosaur-rumpus* and sang "We are the Dinosaurs!" as we marched around the room.

April brings with it themes about change .... the change in the weather and caterpillars changing into but-

terflies. We also welcome back the birds who have returned from their winter down south and are actively building nests. It's going to be a fun and busy month!

We're happy to welcome Gianna to our room. Gianna is transitioning in from the baby room. Anna is excited to see her old friend, and even happier that we are adding another girl to the room! Our friend, Leah completed her transition to the Toddler Twos and we hear she's doing great in there with Miss Nelly. We love seeing her out on the playground! ☺

Happy Spring everyone!

~ Your toddler staff

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## Spring Ahead with the Toddler Twos

Happy April!

Last month we enjoyed talking about dinosaurs, shamrocks, outer space, and bunnies and chicks. We also had a lot of fun with the different dramatic play areas that we added to our room. We had an ice cream shop and a construction zone!

I think our favorite addition was the mini pool with the balls. The kids loved being in there. A **BIG THANK YOU** to Max's mom for bringing in the extra balls. The ball pit may look simple, but it encourages gross motor

skills ("swimming in the balls"), fine motor when picking them up and tossing them to friends, and language as we identified all the different colors and shapes!

This month we talk about spring weather, butterflies, and birds. We'll also touch upon Earth Day (and maybe examine some worms!).

It's sure to be a lot of fun!

~ Happy Spring from the Toddler Two's Staff

## Hop Into Spring with the Downstairs Preschool

Happy Spring and Happy April everyone! We hope you survived that crazy month of March!

Last month, we transformed into paleontologists and learned all about dinosaurs! We dug for artifacts and examined dinosaur 'bones'. Then we rocketed into space in our space shuttle as we learned about the planets and their orbits and inspected 'moon rocks'. (Thank you Miss Sue and her hubby for the 'rocket ship'. St. Patrick's Day, bunnies and chicks filled the rest of the month as we celebrated spring holidays.



This month, we welcome Georgia who hops in from the Twos Room! We're so happy she joined our group! Also this month, we turn our attention to spring weather. We'll become meteorologists and

learn about different types of weather. We will then find out about migration as we welcome back the birds who flew south for the winter. A *favorite* spring theme is caterpillars and butterflies! You'll soon see a Butterfly Habitat in our classroom and we'll watch, first hand, how a caterpillar magically transforms into a beautiful butterfly.

We wrap up the month talking about Earth Day. This is a great time to teach the three R's ... "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle". We will discuss trash and where it goes; and we will learn about keeping our earth clean and conserving water.

Keep your eyes open for our weekly enhanced dramatic play centers ... and learning through play!

Happy Spring everyone!

~ Your Downstairs Preschool Staff

## Spring is in the Air in the Upstairs Pre-K

Spring is here and we are so happy about that! March was so snowy, we barely got outside. Not this month, though! The warmer weather is here and we can't wait to bring our classroom outside! Please make sure your children are dressed for outdoor fun with weather appropriate clothing.



We had so much fun coloring our space rocket, blasting off to the moon and learning about planets. William was able to tell us all sorts of information about them! Thank you, William!

We also went back in time and had fun exploring dinosaurs! Conor taught us a lot about the different dinosaurs and we found out how many of our feet fit into a triceratops' footprint! We needed more feet to fill it!

We enjoyed celebrating St. Patrick's



Day and our little leprechauns had fun searching for and finding gold coins outside!

This month, we're all about Spring which means we'll be learning about the changing weather, caterpillars and butterflies (looking forward to our Butterfly Habitat!), birds (and worms!) and Earth Day. We have lots of fun activities planned to keep your children engaged and learning!

A **BIG Thank You** to Xavier's Mom for sending in some yummy cupcakes to help us celebrate Spring!

Enjoy your month everyone!

Birthdays We'll be Celebrating

Eddie April 1

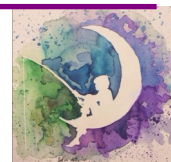
Sawyer April 19

Jason April 18

Conor April 25

### Greatest Quote of the Month:

When discussing space and the planets, Conor informed us, "I've been to the moon before!"



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