



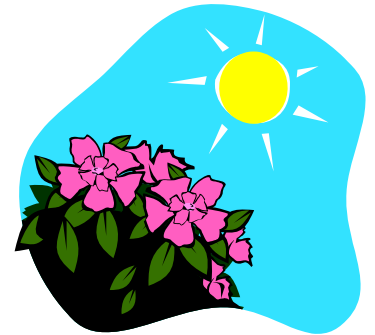
Takoma Park Child Development Center Monthly Newsletter

April 2011

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Director's Report

Happy Spring! It is lovely to see the children playing outside a lot and enjoying the signs of spring.



The Pasta Dinner last month was a great event, with over 90% parent participation. The children's performances were delightful, and the sauce was delicious. Thanks to Ms. Joan who makes the sauce every year and thanks to Miss Ana who made the garlic bread. Big thanks to all the parents who helped to set up, clean up, chop vegetables, bake cookies and who made the event a successful one. We made \$3,825!

The highlight of this month is the "Week of the Young Child" April 11th-15th. During this week we celebrate our precious children. We have planned several events to celebrate our children. On Monday the 11th and Tuesday the 12th, parents are invited to have breakfast with your children from 7am to 9am. On Tuesday, the staff perform for the children. Wednesday the 13th is Costume Day, when children are encouraged to wear costumes to the center (please no weapons). There will be a special snack this day. Thursday the 14th is Pajama Day, and children come to the Center in their pajamas. There is a special story time on this day. Finally, on Friday the 15th, children will be treated with pizza. Please do not send lunch on this day!

Spring Break for School Agers is April 18th through 25th. The staff have planned many fun trips for them, such as a trip to the Tidal Basin, the movie theater, Port Discovery, and fun with Jump Bunch. If you have not signed up for the camp, please sign up now.

TPCDC's Summer Camp begins June 20th. Please register now!

Happy Spring!

- Nalini

**The TPCDC 2011 SUMMER PROGRAM
BEGINS JUNE 20th! REGISTER NOW BY
CONTACTING THE TPCDC OFFICE!**



April 11-15

"Week of the Young Child"
Monday & Tuesday
4/11 & 12:
Breakfast with your child!
7-9am

Wednesday 4/13:

Costume Day

Thursday 4/14:

Pajama Day

Friday 4/15:

Pizza Treat! (do not send lunch)

April 18-25

Spring Break for School Agers

May 2-6

Staff

**Appreciation
TPCDC Closed**

Our Staff	Our Parent Board of Directors
<p>Director: Nalini Jeevaraj</p> <p>Office Administrator: Joan Byrd</p> <p>Teddy Bears: Ana Rodriguez, Martha Talento, Mary Moxley, Raina Vasquez, Usha Rawat</p> <p>Munchkins: Cecilia Gallagher, Arly Reyes, Indhira Hill, Dora Mariaca, Olga Cruz</p> <p>Rainbows: Selvi Vijaykumar, Pat Frazier, Teresa Abanto, Ada Cruz, Saba Asrate</p> <p>Explorers: Sherri Smith, Yanira Salgado, Brenda Roberts, Samantha Encarnacion, Pat Frazier</p> <p>Shining Stars (K and 1st): Brenda Roberts, Lindsey Hicks, Arly Reyes</p> <p>Looney Tunes (2nd and Up): Phi Thi Thach, Jonathan Berrios, Mikea Hall</p>	<p>Co-Chairs: Chris Daw, Patty First</p> <p>Board Members: Cary Burnell, Dara Corrigan, Joy Gerdy Zogbi, Fred Hargrove, Christine Hill, Matt Hobbs, Elizabeth Keyes, Kate Killberg, Carla Komich, Ann McCarthy, Terri Pendleton, Stephen Rahaim, Maria Roeper, Noam Unger, Devki Virk, Lisa Vogel, Caroline Wadhams</p> <p>Classroom Coordinators: Teddy Bears: Noam Unger/Caroline Wadhams Munchkins: Malawi Welles Rainbows: Matt Hobbs Explorers: Chris Daw</p> <p>The Board meets on the second Thursday of each month.</p> <p>The center can always use project volunteers. If you are interested in fundraising, promotion, programming or have a creative idea, please contact one of the Board members.</p>

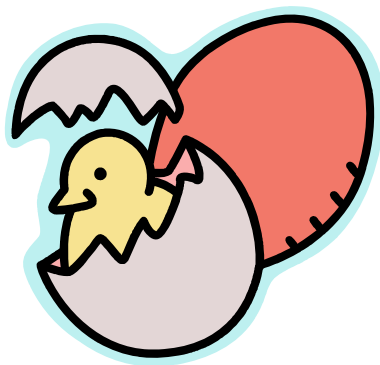
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Classroom Updates


Teddy Bears

Finally we are in Spring and the Teddy Bears are excited to see things growing, so our April topic will be Baby Animals! We are going to talk about many baby animals such as ducklings, chicks, piglets, calves, bunnies, baby birds and many more.



We will read many stories about baby animals, such as Owl Babies, Baby Animals, Are You My Mother? and A Home for Bunny.

The week of April 11th through the 15th we will dedicate to activities that celebrate the children (Week of the Young Child). We are really looking forward to this week! Enjoy the Spring!

Munchkins

It's Spring time again! This month our theme is The Signs of Spring. We have many interesting activities planned for the month of April. We will plant flower seeds and watch them grow. We will cook and eat a rainbow parfait. Don't forget, we will celebrate the Week of the Young Child April 11th -15th. We are taking a field trip to the Tidal Basin to see the cherry blossoms and



go on a nature walk to view the many signs of Spring. And we will create a windy day painting, too! For Music and Movement, we will become cloud creatures. This month will prove to be lots of fun!

Rainbows

The Rainbows staff want to thank all of our Rainbow parents who worked so hard to help make the Pasta Dinner such a big success. Thank you so very much!

For the month of April, our themes will be Springtime & Insects and Bugs. The first two weeks we will discover what Spring is and what happens in the Spring time. The last two weeks we will explore insects and bugs to expand our knowledge of ladybugs, bees, butterflies, etc.

We will plan a field trip to enhance the theme.

For show and share, children can bring books of their own creative artwork related to our theme only.

We are practicing writing our letters. For math, we will count objects and write numbers.

Our big Center-wide event this month is the Week of the Young Child. Stay tuned for details of this special fun filled week!

Explorers

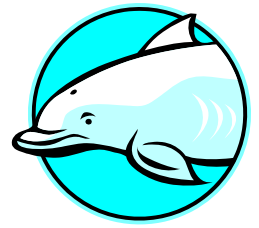
We hope you enjoyed the Pasta Dinner performance as much as we did! It was lots of fun and we were very proud of the great job the children did.

Our theme for April is Water and Sea Animals. We will discuss the water cycle, what animals live in the water and why water is essential to people, animals and plants.

Our show-n-tell theme is "Bring Your Favorite Flower." It can be fresh, a picture, plastic or a toy. We will visit the aquarium in Washington, DC. More info will be posted at a later date.



The children seem to enjoy taking the sight word reading books home. When the books are returned, we have buddy reading sharing time. We are extremely pleased with the progress. Thank you, parents, for supporting our efforts with this activity.



Please remember to check your child's cubby for extra clothes.

Advanced notice on two changes occurring in May. Naptime ends and it's the last month for show-n-tell.

Shining Stars & School Agers



We have sprung into Spring! The Shining Stars and School Agers are gearing up for an awesome Spring Break Camp. There will be lots of fun things to do.

We will go on cool field trips and take a visit to the Tidal Basin to see the cherry blossoms. We will make cool art projects and even add in some cooking. Please be advised that we will be out most of the day and we sometimes return to the Center after 5pm. If you have appointments or other activities planned during Spring Break Camp, we strongly advise you to schedule them after 5pm. Please make sure you have signed up for Spring Break. On field trip days, it is very important for your child to wear his/her yellow t-shirt, wear tennis shoes, and bring a brown bag lunch. The Shining Stars and School Agers staff are willing to communicate, so if there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with us! Thanks!



2011 TPCDC SUMMER PROGRAM

each session INCLUDES...

- **FIELD TRIPS**
- **SWIMMING ONCE A WEEK**
- **ARTS AND CRAFTS**
- **SPORTS**
- **SNACKS**
- **OUTDOOR PLAY**
- **...AND MUCH MORE!**

We offer families...

- **FULL DAY COVERAGE**
- **FLEXIBLE ENROLLMENT PLANS**
- **WELL-TRAINED, QUALIFIED STAFF**
- **DISCOUNTS FOR SIBLINGS**
- **QUALITY CARE FOR CHILDREN 18 MONTHS THROUGH AGE 12 ALL YEAR LONG!**



June 20-24: DC Tour (\$325)

Explore museums, attractions and special events in our nation's capital, Washington, DC.

June 27-July 1: Kids Café (\$325)

Learn the basics of cooking, how to follow a recipe and create tasty treats. Encourages healthy eating, smart shopping and a taste for ethnic foods.

July 5-8: Ooey Goopy & Sticky (Closed Monday July 4th) (\$260)

Get ready for a wacky week of icky, silly and messy stuff, too. We will create weird and unusual projects that you will take home and share. This isn't for the faint hearted, so come dressed to get dirty!

July 11-15: Beach Week (\$325)

Get ready for some summer fun! Campers will enjoy lots of cool and relaxing days on the beach, including yummy desserts, treats and fun games.

July 18-22: Fairytale Theater (\$325)

In the land of make believe, we will put together and perform a very fun and interesting play Perfect for those who adore acting, role playing and putting on a show.

July 25-29: Construction Zone (\$325)

Create buildings, roads and whole cities with construction blocks, boxes, and used and recycled materials. We will have lots of fun building masterpieces!

August 1-5: Party Theme & Dance (\$325)

Learn various aspects of event planning. Plan, decorate and put together a birthday party. Includes a variety of music and dance fun.

August 8-12: Super Athletes (\$325)

"Take me out to the ball game!" If you are a lover of sports, this is just the right spot for you. We will play cool sports games and tackle sports trivia. Come and hit a home run with us!

August 15-19: Mystical Garden (\$325)

Explore the outdoors. Bring nature inside and study plants and animals of the garden. Understand and respect Mother Nature and her creations.

August 22-23: Carnival Party (\$130)

We will bring the carnival to us! We will have a cotton candy machine, play lots of cool carnival games, and have face painting and water balloon fights. It's going to be the coolest of all days!

NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION fee OF \$15 PER SESSION

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