



April 2021

The Davis Harbor News

Davis Child Care Center



Message from the Center Director

Dear Davis Families –

Please join all of us at Davis as we celebrate The Week of the Young Child during the week of April 12th-16th. The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration hosted by NAEYC to spotlight early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities. Since we are a NAEYC accredited center, we do take special pride in participating and celebrating this very special week. Please look at the schedule of activities that we have planned.

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Week of the Young Child April 12th - 16th, 2021



Music Monday:

Let's all make egg shaker maracas to shake the "Monday's" away



Tasty Tuesday:

Taco Tuesday Lunch- Walking Tacos!
The Grouchy Ladybug build your own snack!



Work Together Wednesday:

Pool Noodle Challenge!



Artsy Thursday:

Catapult Painting!



Family Friday: This year we will be celebrating our Davis families with a small bag of take-home activities that will be given out at pick-up. We are thankful for each family and are excited to continue to work together as we watch all the children learn and grow.

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Butter Braid fundraiser. We are excited to see what we can add to our garden space with the new sensory items.



THE ROCKIN' ROLLERS Welcome SPRING! The rain will be coming, and we will be watching the raindrops hit the window. Robins are here and the birds are singing. We will be going for walks so we can hear them sing. "Week of the Young Child" will bring lots of fun activities. We will also be exploring eggs, chicks, and bunnies this month. Please make sure your infant has appropriate outerwear for going on walks. Thanks!

Ms. Christine, Ms. Illiana, and Ms. Birdie

THE CREEPERS

Dear Creeper Families,

We are hopping with excitement; Spring has arrived!

Warmer weather is coming our way but so is rain. Outside wear will be similar to winter. We still need to be warm and waterproof. If you feel that you would like to bring in rainboots for your child you may, otherwise winter boots will be perfect. Towards the end of April, we may be asking for sunscreen! Also, be sure to check your child's extra clothes to make sure the sizes are right and that they are weather appropriate.

In April, the Creepers will be exploring the pretty pastels and animals of Easter. We are looking forward to water play and puffy painting! We will also be learning about rain, bugs and later in the month Earth Day! We look forward to lots of time outside and lots of sensory play.

We look forward to the May flowers that the April showers will bring!

Sincerely, Ms. Rachel and Ms. Hannah

THE SCOOTERS

Happy Spring Scooter friends and families!

We are all very excited that spring is on its way. We can't wait to be outside more often each day! That being said, please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing for outside play, such as rain boots, and extra clothes bucket inside the classroom.

Our room this month will be learning about these themes: weather, bugs/dirt, bunnies/chicks/eggs, and the Earth. It will be exciting to share with them at this young of an age how to start taking care of their world and to also enjoy it. Hopefully we will be able to start going back and visiting our outdoor playground as well...and see everything that we will be growing!

Much love and kindness,

Ms. Emily & Ms. Cassie

THE WIGGLERS Happy April!

This month will be highlighted by Week of The Young Child, which is an annual celebration. It is sponsored by NAEYC and celebrates early learning, young children, their teachers, and families. This takes place April 10-16. Our April topics will include rain, umbrellas, mud, and sunshine. We will continue to celebrate and watch for blooms and buds, as our outdoor environment once again bursts with colors after winter. As the days get warmer we'll enjoy even more outdoor time, so please remember appropriate clothing for outdoor play. You may want to consider rain boots, as our playground unthaws from the winter months. Two-year-olds are just beginning to play cooperatively and need gentle guidance and frequent reminders to share, take turns, to respect other individual's personal space, and use words rather than physical methods to express negative feelings. As Wiggler teachers, we expect an occasional push or pull. When this occurs we try to talk the children through these moments as our little ones gain greater control and understanding of social interactions.

Happy Spring! Miss Kelly

THE TROOPERS Welcome to April in the Troopers! It's going to be an awesome April in the Trooper classroom. We look forward to The Week of the Young Child, April 10-16. There many exciting activities planned for this week. Both teachers and children are going to have so much fun.

The Trooper friends will continue to welcome Spring and explore outside and inside activities. We will learn all about weather and the changes that happen in our world when Spring arrives. During the month of April, we will revisit shapes. During our weather unit we will talk about rainbows which will give us the opportunity to review colors.

We do go outside and as the weather changes so does the need for different clothing. Please check with the teachers if you are not sure what outside clothing your child has in their cubby. Also, please understand that we do play in the mud and sand. It is part of our learning experience. If you have concerns, please contact us. Everyone is growing so fast. Your child may bring a bag of "too small" clothes home this month. Please replace them at your earliest convenience with a larger size.

Many of us are potty training. We encourage the children to become more independent as they work on this skill. Loose clothing that is easy to get off and on gives the children a great sense of accomplishment as they work on this skill. All of us on the Trooper teaching team look forward to our time with your child. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact us or the Davis office.

The Trooper Teachers

THE HOPPERS Give a cheer, Spring is here! As in Wisconsin, let's be prepared for mud on the playgrounds. You are welcome to bring rain boots instead of snow boots so they won't be so warm. Please still have a hat, light pair of mittens, and snowpants or a pair of wind pants to protect from all the mud.

This month we will be learning about Weather, Week of the Young child, Earth day, and Spring. Just a reminder to please send your child in clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. We may be doing some fun and messy activities. We will be working on simple shape recognition and taking turns while playing simple games and dancing to songs. Try this at home: play Go Fish with an old deck of playing cards! You can work on number recognition well as matching!

Happy Spring!
Ms. Diane

THE SNAPPERS

Give a cheer, Spring is here! ☺ Being in Wisconsin though, we never know what we're going to get weather-wise. Please make sure to send a sweatshirt and a jacket so we can dress appropriately for in and outdoor play. Please also leave the snowpants here for a little while yet-we all know it usually snows at least once in April, not to mention we wear them to protect ourselves from all the mud. ☺ You are more than welcome to bring rain boots in instead of snow boots so they won't be as hot!

This month we will be learning about Easter, Gardening, Week of the Young Child, Earth Day, and Baby Animals! Just a reminder to please send your child in clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. We will be digging and doing very fun, messy things this month, including adopting a tree on the property!

We will be working on simple shape recognition and taking turns while playing simple games. Try this at home: play Go Fish with an old deck of playing cards! You can work on number recognition as well as matching!

Happy Spring!

Ms. Leah

THE SPARKLERS

April showers bring May flowers. Let's hope that we do not get too much rain so we can go outside and play. This month the Sparklers will be learning about our five senses, week of the young child, birds, and weather. April 12-16 is the week of the young child. That week Davis will have so many fun activities planned for your kids. Just a friendly reminder to check out Facebook I am post pictures on here at least once a week. The Sparklers have been enjoying all the fun STEM activities that Ms. Jenn has been providing us with. We are learning so much from these activities! In the Sparkler room, we are always working on being helpful friends. This is a skill that takes a lot of time and patience. Please work on this at home as well. This month play with play dough with them. Make all kinds of different shapes, animals, and so on. Ask them what are you making? Enjoy this time together. Here is a recipe that you can make at home with them. Ingredients: 1 cup of flour (whatever kind you have on hand), $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of salt, 1 Tbsp. cream of tartar (optional), $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of warm water, and 5 drops of food coloring. Instructions: 1. Mix together the flour, salt, and cream of tartar. 2. Mix together $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of warm water with a few drops of food coloring. 3. Slowly pour the water into the flour mixture, stirring as you pour. Stir until combined, then knead with your hands until the flour is completely absorbed. If the dough is too sticky, add more flour until it doesn't stick at all. 4. Repeat process for whichever colors you want to make. What a fun month we have planned, and I can't wait to get started.

THE RANGERS Hello Ranger Families,

Welcome to April, and spring weather. The Rangers have been working hard on number recognition. We ask that you help to continue this at home with your child. Easy ways to do this is to create number cards and have your child put them in order, or lay them out and take a few away. Your child will love this game of telling you what is missing and putting them numbers back in the correct places. We appreciate all your hard work you put in at home.

March was full of a lot of fun activities. The Rangers really enjoyed learning about Dinosaurs, and creating Rainbow Art. April will bring a lot of new and fun activities. Spring will open us to units on Rain and Plant Growth. Our class will be excited to participate in Week of the Young Child this month. We have many exciting things going on this week to celebrate children.

Many children in the class are missing their Green Ranger Room folder. This is our main way to communicate additional activities that may be going on in our classroom, or the center with you. Please make sure you are checking this folder nightly and sending it back to school each day.

Spring is here. We go outside twice a day. Please start swapping out winter boots for rain boots and snowpants for lighter weight pants to put over clothing. This way we can keep your child's clothing free from mud they may encounter on the playgrounds. At this time, we still would like to have hats and mittens (maybe lighter weight) for your child. We need to make sure that your child has the proper clothing on when we go outside.

Your Ranger Teachers,
Ms. Sara, Ms. Katie, and Ms. Hannah

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

Spring is officially in the air! With that in mind, our STEM for April will be mostly focused on life science and what

is happening outside. To do that, our youngest friends will be making their own version of a duck pond to connect to the duck pond they pass on their walks by Evergreen. In addition, our youngest explorers will also be starting seeds for the garden on their playground and making some Earth Day Sensory Bottles. On the other end of the building, the older friends will begin the month with a jelly bean STEM challenge to see if they can construct cubes. After that, we turn toward nature by first creating some art to introduce seeds and how they grow followed by starting seeds for the garden. The Outdoor Classroom will be opening back up, giving so many new opportunities for learning through nature. In addition to the STEM fun, we're also celebrating Week of the Young Child, and that means there will be a few extra activities planned for that week. All students will get to experience our first attempt at catapult painting! I'm certainly looking forward to getting back outside and doing more projects with the students in the coming month. Keep on exploring and discovering as a family. There are many wonderful changes happening outside