

APRIL 2024

Half-Day Preschool Edition



WHAT WE ARE LEARNING:

Letters: W, V, Y, X
Numbers: 22 to 25
Color: Blue
Shape: Rectangle

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS

This month, we will celebrate our color of the month by wearing blue to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention. Show your support and advocate for the children in our community on April 10th, 2024 by wearing blue!

SPRING FUNDRAISER

Thank you so much for supporting our center and helping us meet our fundraising goals! Flowers will be available for pick up on Tuesday, May 7th from noon to 5pm.

Reminder:

**WE WILL BE CLOSED
APRIL 8TH, 2024 FOR THE
TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE.**



A huge thank you to Stephanie Malloy and the University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH) for providing us with safe eyewear to protect our vision during this rare event and learning opportunity!

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Shawnee Kindergarten screening will take place May 9th & 10th. If your child is going to Kindergarten in the fall, you should have already registered your kiddo with the school district online through FinalForms. If you have not done so, it is vital that you get your child registered ASAP in order to have your child screened. The elementary teachers will begin screening children on May 9th and return May 10th to finish, if necessary.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Our end of year celebration will be May 23rd, 2024 at 11:00am. Invitations with more information will be sent home soon!

CHILD ILLNESS POLICY

Per Shawnee Weekday policy, your child must be symptom free for 24 hours (without the aid of medication) before returning to Preschool. Please do your part to help us keep all of our friends healthy.

LEARNING THE BUTTERFLY LIFECYCLE

This month, each preschool classroom will have caterpillars! This is one of our favorite things to do with the children each spring, as they love watching the transformation, making predictions about when they will emerge from their chrysalis, and releasing the butterflies to help pollinate our world. Be on the lookout for butterfly nets & ask your kiddos about what stage of the lifecycle their caterpillars are in!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	
LETTER W AND #22						
 8	CENTER CLOSED for Solar Eclipse	9	10	11	12	
LETTER V AND #23			 Wear Blue for Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention			
	15	16	17	18	19	
LETTER Y AND #24						
	22	23	24	25	26	
LETTER X AND #25						
	29	30				
REVIEW WEEK						

Looking Ahead

- MAY 6TH-10TH: TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
- MAY 7TH, 2024: FUNDRAISER FLOWER DELIVERY
- MAY 7TH, 2024: WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COLOR DAY
- MAY 9TH-10TH, 2024: SHAWNEE KINDERGARTEN SCREENING
- MAY 22ND, 2024: LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL
- MAY 23RD, 2024: END OF YEAR CELEBRATION



growing healthy habits



Introduce your kiddos to the basics of planting a garden and eating healthy through the process of planting seeds and caring for their garden. Children develop healthier eating habits and get excited about tasting food when they help grow the ingredients and make meals! A garden is a wonderful way to bond with your kiddos! You can grow flowers, fruits, veggies, or herbs. Comparing how long the different foods take to sprout, what they need to grow, emphasizing their bright colors once they are ready to pick, and even using this as an opportunity to show your children the importance of helping friends or neighbors by sharing your produce with neighbors- the opportunities for learning and growth are endless. Even if you don't have a green thumb, you can start small, with a window box of herbs in your kitchen or in a large planter in a sunny area. For more healthy food ideas and resources, visit <https://www.myplate.gov/>