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From Our Directors...

It feels wonderful to finally welcome Spring! Our center is all abuzz with the excitement and wonder, only our very own "little people" could provide. April is a fascinating month full of science, experiments and fun! All classes will be learning about water, streams, ponds, turtles, frogs and ducks. Ducks will be especially interesting, since we have new neighbors. We are privileged to have Mr. and Mrs. Mallard Duck, living on the "Little People" pond! The children will be visiting and feeding our special guests. It is our hope that they remain content and decide to raise their family here. The Preschool and Pre-K children are sure they know the history of our resident ducks, due to the wonderful book, *Make Way For Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey. Both classes have enjoyed the literature and science that have both arrived in perfect timing. Oh the joy of spring!

April will continue to be a science show stopper as we explore rain, mud, sink & float and ways to travel on water! Yellow is our color of the month, so get that rain slicker out, put your galoshes on and get ready to jump right in to our spring fling of learning!

Upcoming Dates and Events

- Thursday, April 2nd look in your mailboxes for your April book club Scholastic Book Club Order Forms.
- Wednesday, April 8th Scholastic Book Club Orders are due.

- Friday, April 10th we are closed for Good Friday.
- Wednesday, April 15th Joan Rose from the Mahopac Library will be visiting us as a part of celebrating National Library Week. She will be spending time with the Preschool and Pre-K children.
- Wednesday, April 22nd will be celebrated with an outdoor trash collection followed up by a Dirt Cake celebration in every classroom.
- Thursday, April 23rd is Fire Drill Day.
- Friday, April 24th is Arbor Day and we will announce a date with our visit from an Arborist.



Community Happenings

- Saturday, April 4th is the Twelfth Annual Gala & Silent Auction to benefit Support Connection (Breast & Ovarian Cancer Support) at Colonial Terrace on Oregon Road in Cortlandt Manor. Call 914-962-6402 or e-mail donna.corti@supportconnection.org for more information.

A Few Important Reminders

- When you receive a reminder that your child's physical is due it is important that you get that done as soon as possible. If you have an up coming appointment you should get that in writing from the Doctor's office and we will put that in your child's file until you bring in the completed form.
- If we sent back your child's medication because we did not have an updated doctor's note, you can have the doctor fax us the new form. Just make sure to fill out your part before giving it to the doctor. Don't forget the medication must be in the box.
- Don't forget to get your updated immunizations from your doctor when you bring your child in for their immunizations.

Our Incredible Infants

Cubs

Hi Again! Well, March is over and we enjoyed working with the green paint and celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Now get ready because we are preparing for spring! We will be working with pink, yellow and lilac paint so that our blowing flowers and Easter eggs will be ready for some of us that celebrate Easter. The cubs are growing more and more each day.



Violet will be celebrating her 1st birthday on March 31st. She is enjoying finger foods and is very verbal. We have Jeremy,

Jack P and Hannah who are enjoying floor time and bellytime and they are also loving that yummy baby food. We also can't forget Landon, Joey and Jack N. They are loving the school lunch. We think their favorite is pasta with meatballs day and pizza day. Landon will be celebrating his 1st first birthday on April 6th and lets not forget Mommies and Daddies.

Get ready because the warm weather will soon be here and we will enjoy some outdoor play. Don't forget to bring in hats for your babies. Until next time, the cubs say so long!

~Miss Anna and Miss Johanna

Honey Bees

April is fast approaching and that means warm weather and sunshine! The Honey Bees will be listening to stories about ducks, rain, puddles and rabbits to celebrate the arrival of Spring. They will make a garden of carrots, float some rubber ducks in waterplay and hop around the room like rabbits.



The Honey Bees are very excited to go outside to play on the deck. They have airplane swings, many riding toys to exercise their legs and a big rubber ball to roll and kick.

We will see the colors orange, blue and yellow when we make robins, eggs and baby chicks. We will read Peter Rabbit, The Carrot and Little Duck's New Friend.

Happy Spring!

~Miss Kayla and Miss Joyce

Our Terrific Toddlers

Koala's

Hi Everyone! As my first month as a lead teacher in the Koala classroom I enjoyed taking the time to get to know each of the children. My colleague Jen and I had our children participate in fun and creative activities, including celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

In April we look forward to the warm weather. "April showers bring May flowers." This month we will explore and discover some of the ways water is incorporated in our daily lives. We will explore maps, bodies of water and ways to travel on water. The children love to play with water in the sensory table! We will discover how some objects float and others sink. This month will focus on pastel colors, the color yellow and silver like rain.



We will also be celebrating William and Patricks birthdays on the 1st of the month and

Lia's on the 8th. Watch for our art projects being sent home and exciting things to happen. We look forward to a great month.

~Miss Nicole and Miss Jen

Chipmunks

Hey everyone! We have been having so much fun this past month and April will be no exception. The kids enjoyed our projects using their hands. We found a lot we could do with our little hands. Their favorite was our horse and leprechaun projects. We also talked about gardens and our growing flowers.



This month we will be talking about water. We will be doing projects that involve boats, bodies of water and dams. We will be talking about who takes care of the bridges and who makes dams. We will also be doing experiments on sink and float. That should be fun! Look for the ant farm to be up and running. We are waiting for our ants to arrive. The kids can't wait and keep talking about the them.

The nice weather is finally here and we have been going outside. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately.

Until next time,

~Miss Julie and Miss Allison

Bunnies

In the month of April, we are looking forward to the warmer weather and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

We will start off the month of April decorating our classroom for Easter and celebrating the holiday with an Easter party. Will be dying hard boiled eggs, making Easter baskets and going on an Easter hunt. We will work with pastel colors such as pink, yellow and green. We will be reading The Great Easter Hunt and Five Little Bunnies Hopping on a Hill.



We will be using water, boats, turtles, frogs and ducks in the sensory table. We will read I am Water and we will observe different objects in the water that can sink and float.

As the end of the month approaches we will learn about how April showers bring May flowers. We will talk about rain and how rain makes flowers grow. We will be working on various projects such as raindrops, umbrellas and rain sticks. We will be reading Rainy Day Alphabet and Puddles. We will also be planting flowers and seeds and measuring them every day to see how much they grow.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Spring and a Happy Easter.

~Miss Erin, Miss Toni and Miss Laura

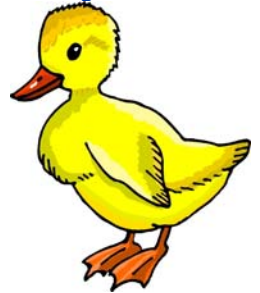
Our Precious Preschoolers

Ducks

As Spring begins, it is a fun and exciting learning time for the Ducks! In March, we learned all about the season of Spring and created an art mural with blooming flowers, ducks in a pond, butterflies, bunnies, grass and eggs.

For science, we are talking about those animals and their habitats. We are also talking all about the weather with our weather and season chart in circle time. Another subject includes healthy foods that are good for our bodies and we made food collages together. We are learning all about our shapes and colors with puzzles, manipulatives and mixing different paints together. We will also be planting our own plants in garden pots.

For literacy, we are reading The Hungry Caterpillar, Gobble, Quack Moon, Peter Rabbit, counting books, alphabet books and books about baby siblings. For mathematics, we will be having fun counting eggs on our Easter Egg hunt, playing with our counting bears, stringing beads, measuring ingredients to make play dough and counting the sides of shapes. For music and movement, we are singing butterfly, garden, bunny and tree songs. We hop like bunnies, fly like butterflies and kites with colorful scarves and swim to songs about the ocean such as "Under the Stars".



We are also going to be singing lots of counting songs and alphabet songs from "The Letter People" series. Adding science to music, we will be learning about recycling by bringing in coffee cans and yogurt containers to make our own musical parade! We will also be doing "Musical Glasses" by putting water in glasses to make high and low sounds of music.

~Miss Ellen and Miss Isabel

Dolphins

The month of March has been very exciting. Our class was engaged in several exciting activities including a self portrait project, a seed planting exercise as well as a host of St. Patrick's Day related arts and crafts projects.

St. Patrick's Day was a day of celebration and the children were exposed to interesting books, stories and activities. The day was culminated with a visit from a leprechaun who left a trail of gold dust. March also brought a change in season. The children learned about the different seasons and we began to take class nature walks down to the pond to feed our class ducks.

We are approaching April, when the true essence of spring emerges. Children will have the opportunity to explore the outdoors and learn about nature. April is a month where we will be exploring and examining the many ways that water comes into our lives. We will be learning about the oceans, lakes, rivers and other interesting bodies of water. Expanding on this theme we will be learning about the ways of traveling on water, studying maps and bodies of water. We will also be learning the role of water within the community. Children will have the opportunity to learn about plumbers, ship captains, ship crews and fishermen.



We will be studying several concepts in April including various colors such as yellow, silver and purple and the feelings of wet and dry.

Science will be a large part of this month's curriculum. Children will learn about rain, floods, gutters and dams. Children will also be engaged in floating and sinking activities. We will explore new concepts during our nature walks, where students will learn about different pond animals such as turtles, frogs and ducks. During this month, we will be observing various holidays including Easter, Passover, April Fools Day and Arbor Day.

Our philosophy at Little People is to enrich our children's lives through involved and hands on activities.

~Mr. Bryan and Miss Amy

Our Precocious Pre-K

Wolves

Say Goodbye to old man winter and hello to spring, but before we do lets reflect on the color green, celebrations and leprechauns.

In April we will explore, experiment and discover some of the ways water comes into our lives from tiny streams to ponds. We will learn about different plants and animals that live in our ponds and streams. This month is full of excitement, celebrations and holidays. Stay tuned for more details on our parties, egg hunts and planting activities.



We will be changing our house corner into a restaurant. Please send in menus of your child's favorite places to eat or anything that might help us with making our restaurant the best place possible.

~Mr. Dan, Miss Christina and Miss Jen

Little People Parents

- *We welcomed Danica in the Koalas; Stephanie in the Chipmunks; Sidnee and Gabriela in the Bunnies and Ethan in the Wolves.*
- *We welcomed Nicole the Koalas Head Teacher; Allison the Chipmunks Assistant Head Teacher; Ellen the Ducks Head Teacher; Anne and Nancy our Afternoon Floaters and Sue and Joe our Substitutes.*