



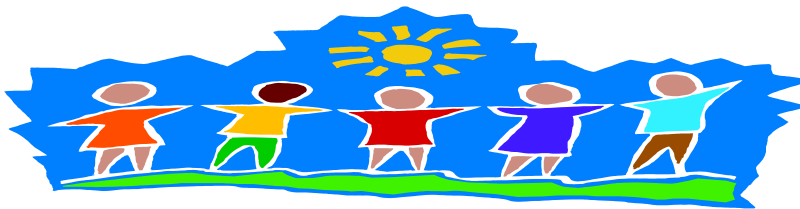
Kids Town Connection

Hopping into Spring

It is finally beginning to feel like spring. As the weather changes it might be a good idea to leave a light weight jacket here so as the weather is warmer in the afternoon the children won't get over heated on the playground in a heavy jacket. Please remember to label everything that your child brings in, it is amazing how many children have the exact same jackets.

Please remember when dropping off or picking up if you plan on staying a few extra minutes you must park in the designated parking spots to the right. We like to keep the front area for quick drop off and pick up only. And remember to always pull up and not block the left lane which is for exiting.

Our Employee of the month for March was Mrs. Katelyn Z. She has been working really hard with the young twos in Room 8. Mrs. Katelyn Z is a great asset to the KTLC family and we love her dearly.



Kids Town Learning Center Invites you to Mt. Trashmore, April 30th 9am - 1pm, for the Day of Children Festival. We will be having a booth with games and activities for children to participate in. There will be a lot of other booths with kid friendly information so we would love to see all of our families on this great day for family fun.

Kids Town would like to thank the families who referred children to our school this year. We are still offering our referral program. If you refer a family and they join us after 4 weeks of attendants you receive a week of credit.



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Room 1

April showers bring May flowers! Here in Rooms 1 we are so excited for Spring! We have a lot planned for this month and look forward to the warmer weather so we can go on walks and explore the beautiful sights and sounds of Spring.

The Books for the Month are "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "123 to the Zoo". The lesson plan will be posted on the window right as you enter the classroom. Please, feel free to look it over. We have a lot of fun things planned!

Happy Spring!

Lori and Kaitlyn

Room 2

This month's theme is springtime and we will be reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar, by Eric Carle. We will explore springtime with lots of colors and flowers. Feel free to bring in a fun springtime toy for your child or decoration for the classroom to help bring spring inside!

Don't forget we will be closed April 22 and April 25 for Good Friday and Easter Monday. Happy Easter!

Ms. Kiah and Ms. Emily

Room 3

Springs approaching and we are getting ready to explore story, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". We will be participating in activities that center around the world of insects, frogs, flowers, and plants, to implement this month's spring curriculum. With the nice weather approaching, there will be more walks in the community and more playground time, if you would like to bring in sunscreen for outside time that would be wonderful. This month we would also like to welcome Kai from room 1, we can't wait for her arrival.

I would like to thank parents and staff for the warm welcome, this month has been very challenging, but you all made this change worth it.

Ms. Shelby

Room 4

Finally, it's springtime! April is such a fun month, I am very excited for the warmer weather and all of the fun things we will get to do!

This month our book is The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. This book takes your child through the journey of a caterpillar turning into a butterfly. As the newborn caterpillar snacks through the pages, he gets bigger, fatter, and turns into a lovely butterfly with wings the color of Swiss cheese, oranges, and cherry pie! Carle brings humor to the development of the caterpillar, one of the first science miracles a child learns. This is truly one of my favorite stories! Along with this story, we will be doing lots of fun crafts such as making a caterpillar out of pom poms, and making a butterfly out of coffee filters. We will also be making bumblebees, ladybugs, paint with oranges, make a paper bag puppet, handprint flowers, and many more fun springtime crafts!

It is also Easter this month! Kids Town Learning Center will be closed Friday April 22, and Monday April 25 for Easter break. For Easter time we will be making a bunny basket, coloring Easter eggs, and much more.

I am very excited for this month as we will get to go outside more to ride bikes, play chase, and play hide and seek! It is best to dress your child in layers during April to help make your child more comfortable not only with the fluctuating temperatures outside, but indoors too.

Each week we will have a letter, number, shape, and color for the week. I have incorporated a white-erase board on the "Parent Board" in the classroom that will tell you not only the letter, number, shape, and color but also the story of the week and any other important information.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Room 4 (Room4@ktlc.us.com)

Ms. Heather (hppoorman@gmail.com)

Ms. Christina

Ms. Robyn

Ms. Teresa

Ms. Krystal

Ms. Gabby

Room 5a & 5b

After a long cold winter we welcome Spring! All of the sights and sounds of this beautiful season were greatly missed. We are very excited to be able to spend time outside. Our classroom is extended through nature and the great outdoors. We will focus on insects and their characteristics, flowers and plants and how they grow, frogs and how they develop from a tadpole to a frog. Books that will help reinforce these concepts include The Flower Seed by Sarah Fischer, The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle, Bug Safari by Bob Barner and The Caterpillar and The Polliwog by Jack Kent.

Welcome Ms. Dawn to our room. She will be working from 8-3 daily.

Clare Stefan

Dawn Miller

Room 5@ ktlc.us.com

Topics

Insects

Frogs

Flowers

Guest Reader

Please sign up to read one of Eric Carles books to the classroom. Sign-up sheets will be posted on our classroom door.

Reminders

1. Homework sent home every Wednesday is due Friday
2. Bring in nap blankets every Monday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 April Fool's Day
4	5 CRAZY HAIR DAY	6 Homework sent home	7 Special Reader 3:00	8 Homework due
11	12 Special Reader Pro- ject	13 Homework sent home	14 Special Reader 3:00	15 Homework due
18	19	20 Homework sent home	21 Special Reader 3:00	22 Earth Day Homework due
25	26	27 Homework sent home	28 Special Reader 3:00	29 Homework due

Room 6

Welcome to Spring and an exciting time in our world! The children of Room 6 are embarking on a journey to explore all the wonders of April. The children will have an opportunity to plant a garden and plant trees in honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day.

Also join us the week of April 11-15 for our Week of the Young Child Celebration. Week of the Young Child is held each year to honor young children and thank teachers and all those who make a difference in young children's lives. The theme for WOYC 2011 is 'Early Years Are Learning Years®'

Our Calendar of Events are as follows: (For more information please see our classroom newsletter):

Monday: Parent Appreciation Day Tuesday: Literacy Day
Wednesday: Teacher Appreciation Day Thursday: Festival of Children
Friday: KTLC Community Appreciation Day

From April showers to Spring Animals to Week of the Young Child there is so much to explore. As always feel free to drop by and join the fun.

Until Next Time...

Miss Zamora, Miss Tiffany, Miss Nikie, Miss Chelsea

Room 7

During the month of April we will focus on spring and all the wonderful changes that the spring season brings. We will learn about different types of plant life, insects and animals and how they are all affected by spring. To help assist us with this we will be reading the story The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. Although, spring is very important we will also be celebrating National Library Month, Keep America Beautiful Month and Earth Day in the month of April. So we encourage you to visit the library as often as you can and keep America beautiful by recycling. We will set up recycling bins in the classroom so please do your part and help us fill them up.

Our letter of focus this month will be the letters T and L. We will focus on the Oval shape. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know. I may be reached at room7@ktlc.us.com

Alison Williams

Amber Justice

Room 8

Hello Room 8 Parents! This month we will be focusing on Spring. We will learn about flowers, insects, plants, and frogs. We will be reading Eric Carle books such as "The Hungry Caterpillar", "The Grouchy Ladybug", "The Mixed Up Chameleon", and an original Eric Carle inspired story written by Mrs. Jackie. These stories, along with lots of hands on activities, will help your child learn all about Spring.

We will also continue to focus on writing letters, organize objects into groups by color and size, and learn new songs and words. All of the projects and activities will be related to Spring and the fun characters we read about in the Eric Carle books. They will be playing with toy frogs in water, finding toy bugs in the sand table, making many fun crafts, and eating dirt! (Not real dirt of course, the kind made with chocolate pudding, crushed Oreos, and gummy worms...YUM!).

We will also read stories and make crafts that relate to Easter as well. We will design Easter eggs, go on an egg hunt, make bunnies, and more. April is going to be a fun month in Room 8!

Thank You,

Mrs. Katelyn

Nurse's Notes

As we know the month of April is National Autism Awareness Month. This month we will be focusing on what to look for in a child that may be autistic and become more knowledgeable of the subject.

The characteristic behaviors of autism spectrum disorders may or may not be apparent in infancy (18 to 24 months), but usually become obvious during early childhood (24 months to 6 years).

As part of a well-baby/well-child visit, your child's doctor should do a "developmental screening," asking specific questions about your baby's progress. The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) list five behaviors that signal further evaluation is warranted:

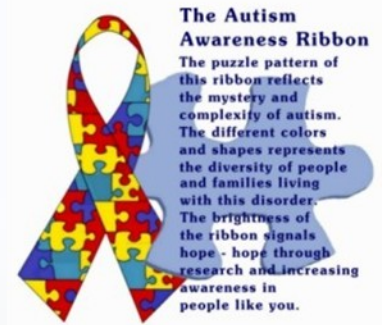
- Does not babble or coo by 12 months
- Does not gesture (point, wave, grasp) by 12 months
- Does not say single words by 16 months
- Does not say two-word phrases on his or her own by 24 months

Has any loss of any language or social skill at any age

Having any of these five "red flags" does not mean your child has autism. But because the characteristics of the disorder vary so much, a child showing these behaviors should have further evaluations by a multidisciplinary team. This team may include a neurologist, psychologist, developmental pediatrician, speech/language therapist, learning consultant, or other professionals knowledgeable about autism.

On another note parents, if you child is exhibiting any of these symptoms please keep them home to further keep down the spread of their illness:

Fever, vomiting, diarrhea, skin rashes, red eyes (with drainage or crusting), and head lice. It needs to be 24 hours without the help of medication. Any questions, comments, or concerns feel free to contact us here at the school or email me at nurse@ktlc.us.com



Chef's Notes

Another month as come and gone. Easter is almost here. Time for Spring! Almost time to start planting gardens, which ever kind you like. I like herb gardens. Fresh herbs in food give a lot more flavor, I think.

Just a little note incase you like to go strawberry picking. You have better picking towards the end of April. Brighter in color, sweeter, and more plump.

Birthdays

Birthdays		Events		
1 st	Abraham	18 th	Rayne	22 nd KTLC Closed
	Alaina	28 th	Bradford	25 th KTLC Closed
2 nd	Alicia	29 th	Kal'el	30 th Day of Children Festival
4 th	Hallie	30 th	Ms. Jenna	
8 th	Nathaniel			

