# **APRIL NEWS**

## **ENCHANTED CARE LEARNING CENTER-DELAWARE**

#### A MESSAGE FROM ADMINSTRATION

Happy April! Now that spring has arrived, we're looking forward to spending even more time exploring the outdoors. Taking advantage of the beautiful weather helps children learn and grow as they discover new things in their environment. Our teachers are planning outdoor games, lessons and picnics to celebrate spring. We can't wait to share these activities with your child.

Sincerely, Melissa Maines, Principal

Important Dates to Remember: April 1: Wear BLUE for Autism Awareness April 4-8: Week of the Young Child April 18: Egg Hunt April 22: Earth Day! Ladybug Release

### WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Week of the Young Child, April 4th-8th, is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers and families. We have many fun activities planned for Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday and Family Friday.

## APRIL 4-8 WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Music Monday: Students will work with their teachers to create their own handmade musical instruments.

Tasty Tuesday: We will become chefs as we make our own afternoon snack. Students will follow multi-step directions to make their own pizza bagels.



Work Together Wednesday: Students will work together to plant flowers in flowerpots. As the plants continue to grow, we will transplant them to our outside garden.

Artsy Thursday: We will take the art studio outside today! Students will use materials like water, brushes, spray bottles, chalk and watercolors to make their creations.

Family Friday: During pick-up time, make sure to grab your take home canvas and paint. We can't wait to see what creations you make at home!

## EGG HUNT!

## Egg Hunt at Enchanted Care

#### MONDAY, APRIL 18TH

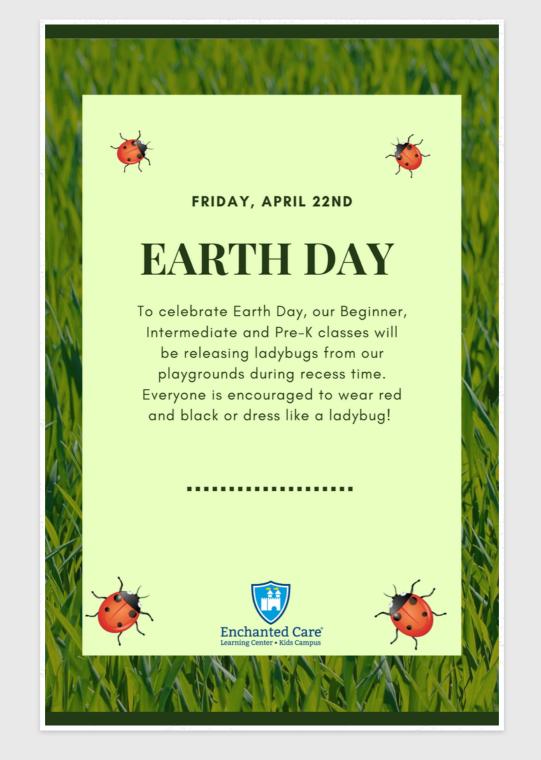
We will be holding an Egg Hunt for all of the students on Monday, April 18th. The egg hunt will be outside on the playground during the classes' recess time\*. Students may bring in a small basket to collect the eggs, or we will provide a bag for them to use.

Please help us make this event fun and exciting for the kids! We are asking each student to bring in enough pre-filled plastic eggs for their class (please remember we are a nut free facility) by Wednesday, April 13th.

\*Egg Hunt will be held in the muscle room in the event of rain.



#### EARTH DAY CELEBRATION



#### **PARENT SURVEYS**

Our enrolled parent survey launched on March 16th. The survey provides the opportunity for you to give us feedback anonymously on our strengths and areas we can work on. Thank you to those families that have already provided feedback through the surveys. Surveys close on April 15th.

#### 4 EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR CHILD DURING SPRING

Spring is a great time to get outdoors, take advantage of the nice weather, and explore the change of the season. Being outside provides numerous benefits for your child's developmental growth and physical and mental health.

Below are some activities to do this season that are not only fun, but also educational.

#### 1. Create a Nature Journal

Start a new routine by taking walks with your child. Look for signs of spring, such as flowers, birds, and green leaves. After each walk, provide your child with a notebook and writing utensils. Encourage them to draw pictures or write about the things they saw. This fun exercise fosters creativity, writing, fine motor, and memory skills.

#### 2. Fly a Kite

Did you know that April is National Kite Month? Enjoy the breezy weather with your child! Find a wide-open field or park without trees or power lines and let your kite soar high in the sky. Use this opportunity to practice gross motor skills and hand-eye coordination and discuss concepts, such as wind and directional vocabulary.

#### 3. Make Nature Prints

Provide your child with a small bucket or basket and go outdoors. Ask them to collect a few favorite flowers or leaves. Roll out play dough or clay and encourage your child to gently press the item into the dough. Carefully lift the item to reveal a beautiful print. Ask your child to describe what they see. Roll the dough again and continue the fun.

#### 4. Garden

Gardening is a hands-on activity for children of all ages. Start small with a few pots or planters. Discuss the importance of sunlight and water for growing healthy plants and flowers. Each day, ask your child to help water the garden. If you've planted seeds, encourage your child to measure the plant's size and track using a chart or graph.

## PRINTABLE DOCUMENTS



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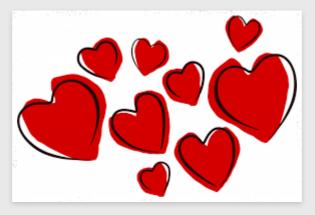
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