

THE CHALLENGER



APRIL CURRICULUM

- April 3-7 Forest Animals
- April 10-13 "Egg"citing Extravaganza
- April 17-21 Caring for Our Pets
- April 24-28 In My Garden

SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp begins on May 30th! Plans are well underway for a summer filled with exciting field trips, special visitors to our center, and hours of outdoor fun! Please be sure and register your child for summer camp right away, but no later than May 26th!!! Summer Camp activity fees of \$100 **MUST** be paid by the 23rd as well in order for your child to start the program.

WARMER DAYS

As warmer weather is approaching, please remember to check your child's cubby, making sure that we have plenty of cooler clothing. Winter clothing may need to be exchanged for lighter wear or coats for jackets/sweaters.



SPRING IS A TIME FOR PLANNING AND PROJECTS

First of all, administration would like to thank everyone for their patience during some additions and renovations that have taken place over the last few months from surveillance updates to solar panel installations. Now we are asking for additional patience and understanding as we continue renovations and start classroom face-lifts!

Our classroom walls will receive a fresh new coat of paint over the next few months. Painting will occur over the weekends and paint odors will be minimized by using odor free paints and ample ventilation. Staff will do everything in their power to make sure transitions are as smooth as possible. Thanks for your understanding and patience during these renovations.



CENTER CLOSED REMINDER

The center will be **CLOSED** on Friday, April 14th for staff development day. Administration is excited about our upcoming trainings during this day which include:

- Challenging Behavior
- Creative Thinking
- Domestic Abuse/Child Abuse
- Inclusive Games
- Basic Center Policies

Thanks for your understanding of our need for staff training days!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held April 3rd – April 13th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please stop by the front office and see administration to sign up for a conference. Ask administration for an ASQ-3 to fill out and return before your conference. The home-child care center connection can be one of the most powerful factors in your child/children's success!

SCHOLASTICS BOOK ORDERS

Just a reminder that Scholastic book orders help us earn books for our classrooms and reading library. Orders can be placed each month either online at scholastic.com/readingclub using Early Challenges' code GKR97 or by remitting your order form and check made payable to Early Challenges to administration. April orders are due by April 26th. Thanks for supporting your child's literacy!

SPRING PICTURES

Spring picture orders must be returned to administration by April 3rd for processing by Clix.

"EGG" CITING

"EGG" TRAVAGANZA

The children will be participating in An "Egg'citing "Egg"travaganza on April 13th which will include egg hunts and outdoor spring games. Please see your child's teacher for classroom schedules and as always, please feel free to participate in the fun!

CARING FOR OUR PETS

During the week of April 17th – 21st, the children will be learning about caring for their pets. Anyone interested in bringing in a pet to share with a classroom/the center, please see administration.



IN MY GARDEN

The week of April 24th – 28th will be flowers and vegetables planting week at Early Challenges. Anyone wishing to participate in our gardening endeavors, please see administration. Thanks for your support!

PROCARE ISSUES

We apologize for the inconvenience and frustration caused by our Procare system glitches recently. We are working with the Procare technical services to correct this problem. Thanks for your understanding!