

# THE CHALLENGER



## APRIL CURRICULUM

- April 2-6 Life Cycles
- April 9-13 Look Up – Solar System
- April 16-20 Community Helpers
- April 23-27 Caring For Our World
- April 30 In My Garden

## SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp begins on May 28th! 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 complete your letter of intent for summer camp right away!

## WARMER DAYS

As warmer weather is approaching, please remember to check your child's cubby, making sure that we have seasonable clothing. Please provide sunscreen for your child and maybe a hat or sun visor to shield his/her face.



## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for all classes except Preschoolers.

Preschool parent conferences will be held Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please stop by the front office and see administration to sign up for a conference. The Preschool sign-up sheet is outside the classroom doors. 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!

## "EGG"CITING

### "EGG"TRAVANGANZA

The children will be participating in An "Egg'citing "Egg"travaganza on April 4<sup>th</sup> which will include egg hunts, spring crafts, and outdoor games. Please see your child's teacher for classroom schedules and as always, please feel free to participate in the fun!



### IN MY GARDEN

The week of April 30<sup>th</sup> – May, 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

Goodbye  
 Winter  
 So Long Snow  
 It's time  
 to watch the  
 Flowers Grow!

### SPRING/SUMMER MENU CHANGES

April brings changes to our lunch menus. Soups will not be served during the warmer months. Meatloaf and steak patties have been removed and replaced by turkey pepperoni pizza and roasted chicken thighs. Copies of our monthly menus can be found in the hallway next to our parent information board as well as on our website.

### ONE MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE

Usable arts and crafts supplies are always appreciated! Listed below are ideas of recycled items the children can use for projects, crafts, arts, and general exploration. If you have other items, feel free to donate them as well. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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| Plastic Mayonnaise Jars                  | Buttons         |
| Ribbon, lace, and fabric                 | Sequins         |
| Newspapers                               | Beads           |
| Tin/Metal cans and lids (no sharp edges) |                 |
| Two liter bottles                        | Corks           |
| Regular water or soda bottles            | Egg Cartons     |
| Bottle caps ... both plastic and metal   |                 |
| Toilet and paper towel tubes             | CDs             |
| Grass, flower, or vegetable seeds        |                 |
| Cereal boxes, tissue boxes, small boxes  |                 |
| Old, broken Crayons                      | Solo Cups       |
| Seashells, river rocks/stones            | Old Keys        |
| Packing peanuts                          | Pringles Cans   |
| Children's food pouch lids               | Pinecones       |
| Clothespins                              | Plastic Hangers |
| Rick Rack                                |                 |

### SPECIAL EVENTS IN APRIL

The children will be enjoying many exciting events this month to include:

Egg hunts

Recycling projects

Visits from "Wall-e, the trash robot"

Community helper visits from the fire department, police station, and bank

Gardening projects – preparing and planting our vegetables