

# Bunny Bunch Daycare Newsletter



May 2014

## Important Bunny Bunch News

- Just a reminder that the daycare will be closed on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day! We hope you have a safe and happy holiday.
- We are proud to be participating in the St. Jude's Trike-a-Thon which will be taking place on May 2nd. We are very excited and hope to raise money to help out this wonderful cause. Look for pledge forms to go out in the beginning of the month.
- With the warm sunny days ahead, we will be going outside frequently. We are asking that each family bring in a bottle of sunscreen that will be used for all the children. If your child has sensitive skin or needs to avoid a particular brand, please let us know.
- We also ask that you send your child in with sneakers, or shoes with straps as flip flops come off easily on the playground. Thank you!
- The dates for Movin and Groovin this month are the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Gymnastics will be every Thursday.
- Reminder: Tuition is always due the Friday before the week of attendance. Thank you!
- A huge THANK YOU to all families who brought in items for our Easter Party. It was very much appreciated and the children had a blast!
- Bunny Bunch Ward will now be able to take school age children! We are part of the Niagara Wheatfield School District and can be bussed to West St. Elementary. However, for the summer and school breaks, we can take school aged children from any district! Please see the office with any questions.

## Happy Birthday!!

We would like to wish a Happy 1<sup>st</sup> birthday to Ava S.! A very happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday to Gabrielle and Elliana! Cameron and Carly are turning 4 and Evan will be 5! We would also like to wish Miss Tonia a Happy Birthday!

## Star Students!!

Each month we have a "Star Student." The lead teachers will make the choice. Certificates and prizes will be awarded at the beginning of the month. The teachers will base their decision on growth, development, relating to others, eating and napping habits and other **STAR QUALITIES!** Our wonderful Star Students this month are...

INFANT: Natalie

TODDLER: Elliana & Wyatt

PRE K 3: Ava

PRE K 4: Kyle

## Star Teacher!!

Congratulations to our Star Teacher, Miss Theresa from the Blvd! Miss Theresa has been with us for many years. She works in our kitchen and in our classrooms! You will always see Miss Theresa with a bright, pretty smile. Miss Theresa is known for being so caring, kind, and energetic. The children and staff love her and always want Miss Theresa around them! The staff love having her help, and we appreciate her every day. She knows how to keep the center running smoothly and make everyone laugh! It is so nice to have someone as reliable and hard working as Miss Theresa. Keep up the great, hard work that you always do! Congratulations Miss Theresa! We love you!!!

# Infant News

"Healthy Foods & Good Nutrition" is the theme this month in the Infant Room! The babies will be busy learning all about healthy foods, such as yummy fruits and vegetables. Also, the stories and songs this month will focus on nutrition. The fun crafts will have the children getting messy as they make potato prints, paint with celery and finger paint with banana pudding! In addition, the infants will also be working hard as they create a very special gift for Mother's Day. This will be an exciting and enjoyable month for the Infants.



May brings the sunshine and Natalie as our Infant Star of the Month. Natalie has grown so much since beginning with us at Bunny Bunch. She can now sit up all on her own and it won't be long before she is crawling! This blond haired blue eyed cutie pie is such a sweetie! She is always smiling and loves to cuddle. She is also very vocal. She tells us a lot of stories! She is a curious little girl. She loves to watch her friends and see what is going on around her. She is a very happy baby. Her smiles are contagious and you can't help but be happy when you're around Natalie. Natty loves her big sister Gabby! She lights up whenever she sees her. Natalie also enjoys listening to songs and sitting on her teacher's lap when she reads books. Keep up the good work Natalie! We love you!!!

# Toddler News

"Hooray for May" is this month's theme in the Toddler Room. During this month the themes will be "Flowers," "Transportation," "Music," "Healthy Foods," and "Butterflies." The month starts off with the children learning about flowers. They will be busy making beautiful flower crafts as well as working on their special Mother's Day gifts. The second week of May will have the toddlers exploring different types of transportation. They will be making a truck out of familiar shapes, painting and making a special traffic light snack. During the week of music our children will become little musicians as they make their own maracas, drums, guitars and tambourines. Then, the children will learn all about fruits and vegetables. They will be painting with them, making the food pyramid and planting their very own tomato plants! At the end of the month the children will be busy creating various butterfly art! What a fun month this will be!



Hip Hip Hooray for Elliana, one of our Toddler Stars of the Month! Elliana is a brown haired brown eyed cutie with the most kissable of cheeks. This adorable girl always has such pretty headbands and outfits that she just loves to show off! Since joining the Toddler room, Ellie's verbal skills have improved dramatically. She participates in circle time. She sings all the songs and loves to read books. When it comes to playtime, you can often find Ellie rocking a baby doll. She likes to play "mommy!" She'll read books to her baby, cook her dinner and even pat her back to go to sleep! This artistic little lady thoroughly enjoys craft time. Whether it's coloring, painting, or gluing, you can bet that Ellie loves it! This sweetie is always willing to give great big hugs! We love your hugs Elliana! Keep up the good work! We love you!!!

# Toddler News Continued...



Are you wondering who our other Toddler Star of the Month is? Why it's Wyatt! Wyatt is a cutie patootie with black hair and brown eyes. Wyatt loves circle time. He loves to sing and dance to all the songs. One of his favorites is "Who Came to School Today?" When it is his turn to get up and jump, he gets so excited! Wyatt has never met a toy he didn't like. Books, legos, cars, farm animals, blocks, you name it. Wyatt loves it all! This sweetie likes to share his toys and make sure that all of his friends are happy. You cannot walk into the Toddler room without hearing "Hi" or without receiving a hug and a kiss. He is very affectionate. Wyatt is thoroughly enjoying this warmer weather, because it allows his athletic side to come out! He runs climbs and races to his heart's content! Keep up the good work Wyatt! We love you!!!



# Pre K 3 News

Our theme this month is "Hooray for May!" In the Pre K 3 classes, May begins with the exciting theme, "Butterfly Magic." The magic of nature creates a sense of curiosity and quest for knowledge in the minds of our children. As we watch our caterpillars' progress through stages, we eagerly await their transformation and the day we can set out butterflies free only to begin life's cycle again. The children will also be busy making various caterpillar and butterfly crafts throughout the week. The following two weeks, "Nursery Rhyme Time," and "Favorite Stories," will keep the children busy learning, singing, and acting out nursery rhymes such as "Little Miss Muffet" and "Humpty Dumpty." They also will be listening to stories that have been read and retold through generations such as "The Three Little Pigs." Related crafts and activities will enable the children to bring characters to life while developing an appreciation for children's literature and a love for reading.

During the "Week of Surprises" each day will entertain the children with a fun craft, activity, or treat. Our last week, "Birds" has the children learning about many kinds of birds. As the formal school year comes to a close at the end of May, we welcome the start of summer and another journey in learning.



Pre K 3 is proud to announce that Ava is their Star of the Month! Ava is a pretty little girl with big brown eyes. Her curly brown hair is always done in cute pony tails with bows or flowers! She is also quite the fashionista! Now that it is getting warmer out, she loves the opportunity to show off her spring/summer outfits! Ava is a smart cookie! She can write and recognize her name, knows all her shapes and all her colors! This little sweetie is a great friend. She gets along with everyone and is very well behaved. She always comes to school with a smile on her face. We love her positive attitude! During playtime, you can find Ava sailing the high seas in the boat, cooking up a fantastic meal in the kitchen, or being a fairy princess in dress up! The possibilities are endless where Ava's concerned! Keep up the good work Ava! We love you!!!

# Pre K 4 News

The Pre K 4 room is looking ahead to graduation day, and with it, the beginning of summer! All of the children have had a great year and have worked very hard. They have made amazing progress and have learned so much. We have studied our letters, numbers, sign language, Spanish, and many other things like how to work together and what it means to be a good friend.

The month of May is all about "Moving Forward." The first week, "Colorful Butterflies," will teach the children about life cycles and symmetry. The children will also watch anxiously as their caterpillars grow, form cocoons and then finally emerge as beautiful butterflies. They will also be busy making special gifts for Mother's Day. Planes, trains and automobiles will all be talked about during the week of "Transportation." The children will discuss their favorite ways to travel and enjoy making a special traffic light snack.

The next two weeks of May are "Moving Up!" and "Kindergarten, Here We Come." The children will be busy getting ready for their special day, which will be arriving in June. During this time, the children will be working hard as they prepare themselves for the big day. They will be making decorations, yearbooks, and practicing some special poems and songs for their graduation day. Our last week is all about "Birds." This week has the children painting with feathers and making a bird feeder.



Hooray for May and for Kyle! Kyle is our Pre K 4 Star of the Month. Kyle is an adorable little boy with blond hair and green eyes. Kyle is heading off to Kindergarten in the fall and he is most definitely ready! He can spell and write his name, has improved with his writing and even knows some addition! Kyle is a very happy child who always has a smile on his face! He likes to be silly and make his friends laugh. Kyle takes picking a job very seriously. His favorite is being the weatherman! He loves superheroes and dinosaurs. Dinosaurs are his favorite animal! His imagination runs wild (along with the dinosaurs) when he plays! He also loves to talk to his teachers about Star Wars, Angry Birds, and ninjas. Keep up the good work Kyle! We love you!!!



# "Egg-citing" Easter!!!



Payton likes the Easter Bunny!



Pre K 4 after their visit!



A whole bunch of Pre K 3 bunnies!



Bella's giving high fives!



Vincenzo's checking out the bunny!



Jack with the Bunny!