



# Bunny Bunch Daycare & Pre-K Newsletter

## September 2014

### Important News

- September brings mixed emotions in the daycare. As we say Good-bye to our children leaving us for Kindergarten and wish them well, we also get to welcome bright, new faces who are eager to learn! We look forward to an exciting and fun filled year!
- It has been requested by the New York State Department of Health that all immunization records be updated. We have a mandatory Day Care Immunization survey that needs to be completed in October. Please bring in an updated copy of your as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!
- Teddy Bear Portraits will be here at September 30<sup>th</sup>. Picture forms will be handed out prior (one per family). If you don't return the form then your child *cannot* be photographed, even for the center photo. Please watch for the form in your child's cubby.
- The dates for Movin and Groovin this month are the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Gymnastics will be held every Thursday.
- Reminder: The daycare will be closed Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of Labor Day.
- Reminder: Tuition is due the Friday before the week of attendance. Thank you!
- September 9<sup>th</sup> is Teddy Bear Day for the whole daycare! All children are encouraged to wear their PJs and bring in their favorite Teddy Bear. We will also be having a Teddy Bear Picnic and a Teddy Bear snack! What a fun day!
- If you haven't done so already, Scholastic Book Orders are due on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Birthdays!!!

Happy Birthday this month to Miss Cassie, Mr. Jim and Miss Janie! We hope everyone has a great day!

### Star Teacher

Congratulations to our Star Teacher, **Miss Nicole C.** Miss Nicole has been with Bunny Bunch for quite a while and has proved to be a valuable asset to our team. Miss Nicole is always willing to come in early or stay late to help out her fellow employees. She does her job with no complaints and she always has a smile on her face. Her eagerness and willingness to help out goes above and beyond! Miss Nicole has a quiet, kind nature that the kids gravitate towards. She is patient and sweet with all of the children. Her knowledge of childhood development really shows in the way she treats every child. We are very lucky to have such a person on our staff. Keep up the good work Miss Nicole! We love you!!!



### 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: **Payton**

TODDLER: **Alexandria**

PRE K 3: **Logan**

PRE K 4: **John**

## Infant News

The theme this month in the Infant room is *The Wonderful World of Shapes and Colors*. We will keep the babies busy this month as they focus on colors and shapes. The first week of the month the babies will be busy with the color red. They will be finger painting on a heart shape and painting a juicy red apple. Next up, our babies will be painting on a triangle with purple Jell-O! The infants will finish out the month with making yellow stars and playing with cool whip. During circle time, the little learners will look at and practice identifying shapes through the use of our blocks and books. Two songs we will be singing include "Little Red Caboose" and "Star Light, Star Bright." We cannot wait to start the school year in the Infant Room!

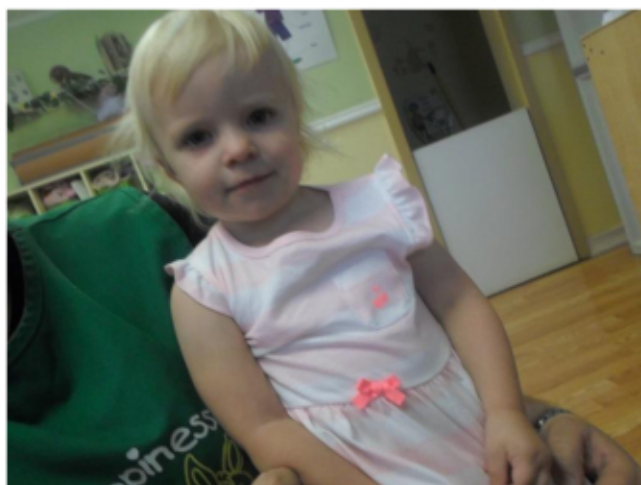


We begin the school year off with a bang with our September star of the month, **Payton!** Payton is a brown eyed cutie pie with kissable cheeks. When it comes to music time Payton is front and center! She loves to sing, especially the "Baby Bumblebee" song! This little snuggle bug really enjoys cuddling with all her teachers! Payton continues to grow with us here at Bunny Bunch! She has mastered walking and it won't be long before she is talking! This social butterfly has made many friends. She loves to comfort her friends if they are ever upset! She is our resident greeter, always saying "Hi!" at the gate as people walk in. Keep up the good work Payton!

We love you!!!

# Toddler News

This month Miss Tonia and her Toddlers will be busy getting ready for *Back to School Fun*, which is looking like a fun month of activities. *School Time* is how the toddlers kick off the beginning of the month. Some of the crafts planned have the children making a school bus, painting a ruler picture, making friendship bracelets to exchange with each other, making a friendship train and making brownies as a fun group activity. During the week called *All About Me*, the toddlers will be decorating a birthday cake, making "All About Me" balloons to hang up and creating their own faces on paper plates as they look at themselves in the mirror. The month ends with *Apples all Around*. Some of the neat activities planned this week include making apple prints, creating tissue paper apples, and tasting various apple flavored items! Yummy! In addition to the crafts each week, the toddlers will be focusing on a different color, shape, letter and number, which can be found on the monthly calendar.



The apple of our eye in the Toddler room this month is **Alexandria**! This little blonde haired beauty has been at Bunny Bunch Daycare with us for over a year now! We have been able to watch her learn and grow into a smart little girl! When it comes time for Circle Time she is the first to the rug! Alexandria is doing so well learning her colors and shapes! This energetic little cutie loves to jump around and sing songs! She is Miss. Tonia's side kick when it comes time to sing "Who Came to School Today"! When she isn't learning or singing, Lexi likes to perfect her artistic skills. Alexandria always enjoys crafts that include coloring or painting! Looks like we have a little Picasso on our hands! Keep up the great work Alexandria!

We Love You!!!



# Pre K 3 News

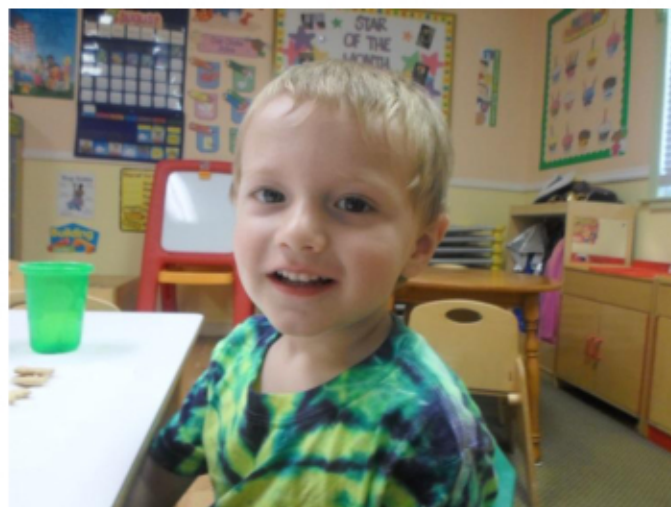
We hope that everyone had a fun, safe and memorable summer! It's hard to believe that fall is just around the corner and that a new school year is unfolding. However, you can rest assured that your child is about to begin a new and exciting experience participating in our Pre K 3 Program! Apples, shapes, colors, numbers, and especially children's happy faces are all a special part of a new month, a new school year and a new adventure in learning!

Our monthly theme, *Stepping into School* will keep the children engaged throughout the month of September. During this month, we will be having fun with apples! We will have apples to count, color, paint and taste! The first week, *Beginning a New School Year*, the children will be making their very own Brown Bear, Brown Bear book as we incorporate learning our colors and working on developing fine motor skills through many crafts. *Hurray for Pre K 3* is the following week's theme. The activities will focus on name recognition, shapes, and cutting. A week of *Good Manners and New Friends* will provide the opportunity to stress sharing and taking turns which will be encouraged throughout the school year. Finally, we have *Me and My Family*, where our goal will be to help the children become aware of how very special and unique they are. The children will be encouraged to bring in baby and family pictures, and a favorite picture of themselves.

As always, please check the calendar for special events and activities. Friday's are our "Show and Tell" days and are usually related to our theme, color, number or shape that they may be working on. Please make sure to label the item(s) as to avoid confusion. Thank you!

**Congratulations to our Pre-K 3 STAR OF THE MONTH, Logan!!!**

## Pre K 3 News Continued



**Logan** is the Star of the Month for September in Pre K 3! This blue eyed cutie has been with Bunny Bunch Daycare for many years now! Logan is such a little smarty pants, he knows his colors, shapes and numbers. Look out for the next Star Athlete! This boy loves to run and play outside! But when he is not learning or playing he sure does have an act for making his friends laugh. Whenever a friend is down Logan is always there for them. You can always find this silly little guy with a smile on his face! But watch out, it's highly contagious! Keep up the good work Logan! We Love You!!!

# Pre K 4 News

Although August was a fun month and the children really enjoyed all the creative activities planned, the Pre K 4 room is ready and energized for the month of September! This month is the beginning of many new and exciting things, as well as lots of learning!

September's monthly theme is *Stepping into School*, with the first week being *Welcome to School*. Activities this week will focus on getting into the routine of school rules, finding out what the children would like to learn about this year and creating a "School is Fun" bulletin board. The next week, *Getting to Know Each Other*, will have the preschoolers talking about how they are alike and different from each other, about the emotions, caring and sharing, as well as making friendship bracelets for each other. Talking about *Families* is how we spend the third week in September. This week we will share pictures of our families, work on making pictures of our homes and making a family poem. We end September with one of our favorite fall themes, *Apples*. During this week, the children will be busy doing all kinds of activities and crafts that deal with apples. They will also get to taste test different apples and make an apple graph to display what the most popular apple was among their group. We are looking forward to an exciting new school year!

Starting this month, your child will have their own homework binder. New things for them to work on will be sent home every Monday. Please help your child to complete the work and return it either before or on Friday.

Keep the monthly calendar handy to keep track of any "special" days and show and tell themes. There is usually a theme for show and tell! Please make sure any items brought in are labeled to avoid misplacement and confusion. Thank you!

**Congratulations to our Pre-K 4 STAR OF THE MONTH, John!!!**



## Pre K 4 News Continued



**John** is the SUPER Star of the Month in Pre K 4! This blonde haired, bright eyed cutie is so excited to begin this school year! This smart little cookie has learned so much since starting in Pre K 4! JJ has learned how to write and sign his name! He show cases his new found skills by signing the alphabet!! When he is not learning, you can find John playing cars with his friends using the car garage and ramps! However, JJ sure loves to play in the boat going on top secret missions looking for buried treasure or saving the seas! This sweet boy cares about all his friends and teachers! He is always willing to help a friend when in need. Keep up the good work John! We Love You!!!

# The Last Days of Summer





# Meet Your Teachers!

All of our directors, teachers, and teachers' aides are here to make your child's day at school fun and full of new learning experiences. If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to talk to us about them. We would like to welcome all of our new friends with open arms!

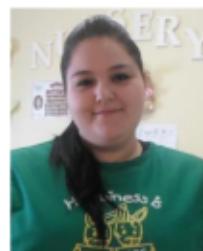
## Director: Miss Megan



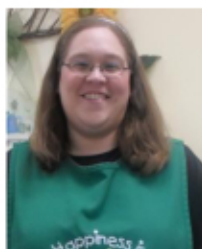
Miss Megan worked at our Townline location as our Infant Lead for many years but is now currently enrolled in her Child's Development Administrators Credential. You can usually find Miss Megan in the office, but she does often visit all of the children in the classroom. If you have any questions about any of the classrooms, billing, schedules or just a general question she is here to help you!

## Infant Teacher: Miss Stephanie

Miss Stephanie started out working at our Townline Location 5 years ago. There she worked in all the classrooms and was later transferred to our Ward Location where she became our Infant Lead. Miss Stephanie has her Child Development Associate Credential and enjoys being able to watch these children learn and grow!



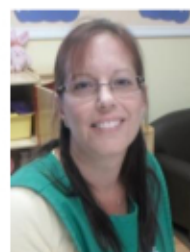
## Toddler Teacher: Miss Tonia



Miss Tonia started with us 4 years ago working in all the classrooms, then later she became our Toddler Lead. Tonia has her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood education and is very passionate for children. Miss Tonia's large imagination makes her the perfect fit for our little toddlers!

## Pre-K 3 Teacher: Miss Michele

Miss Michele is our wonderful Pre-K 3 teacher! She has been with Bunny Bunch Daycare for 5 years! Miss Michele has her Child Development Credential and a lot of experience with children and is extremely creative! You can always find her teaching our three years old new and exciting things. Miss Michele is loved and adored by all of our children!



## Pre-K 4 Teacher: Miss Nicole



We are very excited to introduce Miss Nicole as our Pre-k 4 Teacher! Miss Nicole has her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and is currently working towards her graduate's degree. Before Miss Nicole was our Pre-K 4 teacher she was an aide at Bunny



Bunch. She has a lot experience with children and does a fabulous job getting these little ones ready for Kindergarten!