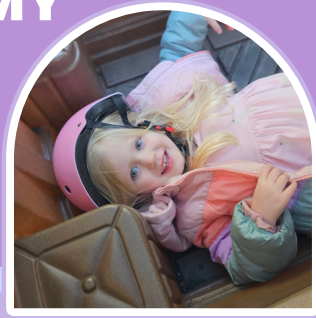
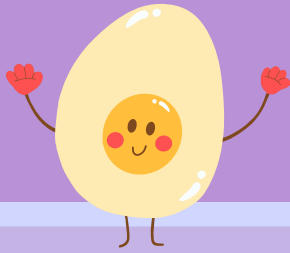




YOUNG CHILD ACADEMY



April 2024

NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S NEW?

Spring is in full bloom, and April showers begin to bring May flowers. Our classrooms are buzzing with new themes and activities. This month, we're focusing on the wonders of Egg ("An Extraordinary Egg" is our investigation theme book!), and we will keep learning through reading and playing.

We are excited to share what has happened in March in this newsletter! Our little learners have become city planners, architects, and community helpers, discovering the amenities that make a city thrive. From constructing a paper city and train to playing "Red Lights, Green Lights," we've explored every corner of city life.

REMINDERS

- ✓ Please send weather-appropriate jackets. Our mornings are still chilly :)
- ✓ YCA is a nut-free school. Please double check the ingredients of items you pack in your child's lunch.
- ✓ Don't forget to sign your child in/out every day on the tablets. These records are needed for licensing purposes.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 23rd

Spring Learning Celebration
(students only)

May 24th

Spring Teacher-in-service
(closed)
Parent-Teacher
Conferences (virtual)

May 27th

Memorial Day (closed)





INFANT & TODDLER 1



Infant

Spring is here, and with it comes new beginnings and growth. Our babies are growing fast, and we're excited to share the fun things that happened in our class. We said goodbye to our friends Kinley, Laiken, and June. We are so happy to see them adjusting well in their new classroom!

Our new friends Adelaide, Elyse, and Ada are doing great, too. They socialize with their teachers and enjoy fun special class times. As the weather allows, we have been going outside more often and spending some time under the warm sun. Happy spring!



Toddler 1

March has been a fun month for all of us in Toddler 1! We enjoyed learning about vehicles like trucks, cars, and airplanes, and they love watching and pointing at airplanes when they go outside. Some of our friends are getting really good at learning each others' names and are having fun playing together! This month, Kaia started walking, and Peyton, Ava, and Molly have been taking steps, which is so exciting! We also welcomed the twins Kinley and Laiken to our room this month; they've already been a great addition to our room. Our favorite activities this month have been finger painting in art class, learning how to ride the cars outside, and dancing and doing the motions to The Wheels on the Bus. It's been a great start to spring, and we're looking forward to having more fun and learning in T1!





Toddler 2 & Preschool 1



Toddler 2

March has been a long and exciting month in T2. We started the month focused on building. Magnet tiles are a class favorite, and this month, many T2 students learned how to build 3D shapes while using mega blocks for building towers and houses. We played with pipe cleaners to see what we could build and danced to the song "Joanie works with one hammer." We continued the month learning about what jobs people do. We became garbage collectors, mail carriers, doctors, chefs, and construction workers. Next, we color-matched trains and shape-matched rocketships, painted with cars, and flew around like airplanes to Laurie Berkner's "Airplane Song." We finished the month with classic favorites, an obstacle course, free art with crayons and stickers, watercolor painting, and a new favorite, parachute play.

Books: "I want to be a doctor" and "I want to be an astronaut"

Song: "What are you wearing?" and "BINGO" name song

Toy: Construction worker hard hats and the big Firetruck

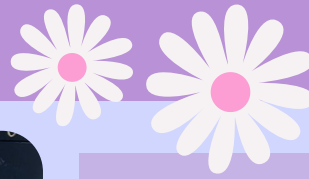


Preschool 1

We have had a wonderful start to spring here in Preschool one this month. We started by investigating the jobs people do and making firefighters, doctors, and community helpers. The children loved dressing for the part of a postman, and we delivered mail to each class. Next, we focused on building where we learned the words construction and destruction and played games like wrecking balls with dozens of boxes to stack and knock down. Transportation was next, and we had a blast "seeing what's missing" on our crafts each day. We noticed missing windows on our buses, missing wings on our planes, and missing sails on our boats. Nothing escaped their eyes, and we loved exploring the different ways of making the same art. The class continues to love singing the alphabet, and a new rhyme has been heard in the classroom: Baa, baa, black sheep. We have also transitioned to scissor work almost daily, and the class is progressing well. We are all excited for spring and can't wait to see what grows this season.



PRE-SCHOOL 2 & PRE-K

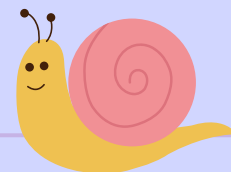


Preschool 2

Happy spring! We've had a fun March in Preschool 2. This month our theme was "What Do People Do All Day?" and we learned a lot. We started exploring buildings and experimented with different types of blocks to make towers. We learned about community helpers and other kinds of jobs. We even learned about our parents' jobs (and all the different types of engineers!) We talked about transportation and made ourselves into cars and airplanes. The class created all kinds of art and got to play with new materials like aluminum foil. Everyone is making great progress with their letters and writing. We have lots of letter and counting practice, and it's been great watching the children help each other out when one gets stuck! It's nice to have such a friendly class. We can't wait to see what April will bring.

Pre-K

Hi everyone,
This month's theme was "What do people do all day?" This included subtopics such as buildings, jobs, transportation, and amenities. Some buildings that we made were the Eiffel Tower, the Washington Monument, and the Egyptian pyramids. We also learned about different jobs that people do, like astronauts, pilots, optometrists, and bakers. Some amenities we learned about were the library, zoo, post office, and the farmers market. Finally, in the last week of March, we focused on modes of transportation like sailboats, trains, school buses, and planes.



Special Class News ✨

Music & Movement with Keisha

March was a great month, and it was all about transportation in music and movement. Everyone's favorite activity was using tambourines as steering wheels and moving to the song "Driving in My Car." We made various car sounds, and some kids drove so crazily that they thought they should get a ticket! The infants enjoyed playing the tambourines and exploring a colorful glockenspiel in their classes while hearing songs like "Wheels on the Bus," "Paki Paki in the Car," and "Toot Toot Chugga Chugga Big Red Car." TI loved the ukulele this month and worked hard on sharing the special instruments each week. The older classes got to see a banjo, hear how loud and quiet it was, and, of course, try playing it. Other favorites this month were "The Airplane Song" in T2, flying to different cities, and "The Nothing Song" in PK. These big kids think nothing is absolutely hilarious! Seeing all the energy and smiles from each class every week is always so great.



Art with Tiffany

This month, we worked on 3-D versions of some of our favorites. We started the month by using paper towel tubes to make our own marble runs and took turns trying them out with rubber balls. Next, we transformed paper grocery bags into wearable cars to decorate and drive around, complete with sound effects. There were a few traffic jams, but we were ultimately successful. The following week, we created wheels for our train cars and took turns "driving" the train around the classroom. Finally, we painted airplanes to take home. The preschool and pre-k students painted wooden 3-part model planes, and the toddler classes decorated construction paper to make paper planes.



Spanish with Gaby

¡Hola familias! In March, we learned about numbers and things we found in our house in Spanish. The children enjoyed fun and educational activities as we explored vocabulary and practice together. As always, we have a lot of fun singing and dancing. We are excited to continue learning and growing together this month!



Asian Folktales with HaeLim

March's Asian Folktales class was full of stories about the characters visiting from place to place and jobs people had in the past. We played a new game called Biseokchigi (hit the stone 비석치기), in which everyone had to come up with a creative way of carrying a stone (wooden block) instead of using their hands. We also played a Song Bank game, and the students had fun guessing what song they picked by looking at the pictures and listening to its melody, played by various instruments.

Have you ever seen a kitty holding up one paw (Maneki Neko) at an Asian Restaurant or market? What color was your child's Neko? :)



Musicality with Ben

In Musicality, we've been singing "You've Got A Friend in Me" from Toy Story! It's a fantastic song with great themes about friendship. It's repetitive and easy for most of the classes to pick up as well. We've also been working on our scarf songs. "Popcorn Kernels" is always a favorite!

