



THE HELEN G. MUIR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

“Love is the rule in our school!”

April 2009

March was an exciting month at our preschool! Hampton mayor, **Molly Ward**, visited the pre-kindergarten classes to read the book “My Lucky Day” after which each child received a copy! The four year olds have enjoyed participating in the “Mayor’s Book Club” and were especially excited when they learned the mayor herself would be reading to them. Each class made a craft about the book and presented them to Mayor Ward before leaving!

The **Week of the Young Child** will be celebrated April 19 – 25. We will kick off our week of festivities by inviting our parents to bring their children to our church on Sunday, April 19 to sing for our congregation! The children will have a costume parade on Monday, April 20, followed by an ice cream social. Parents are invited to join us for chapel on Wednesday, April 22 and music on Friday, April 24 with cookies and punch served afterwards! Come help us celebrate our children and make them feel as special as they are!

Enrollments for the 2009/2010 school year are currently being accepted. If you are considering enrolling your child, please turn in your admissions application and registration fee soon!

Please try to keep us informed of your summer child care needs so we can plan our staff accordingly. If your child is full time, we will assume he/she will remain full time through the summer unless you tell us otherwise. Please remember we require a two week notice if your full time status is going to change. We accept children up to age 8 during the summer months!

Be on the look out for more information about the new summer camps that begin in July. A few of the themes are Snack-O-licious Kid’s Café, Jungle Boogie, Land of Fairy Tales, Splish/Splash, Sport’s Spectacular and Weird Science!!

A new adventure every week!!



Some important dates to remember in April –

April 6 – 10 **Spring Break** – preschool closed, child care open for full time students.

April 19 – 25 **Week of the Young Child**



Happy Spring!
Norma Topping, Director



THE TERRIFIC 2 ½’s

The terrific 2 ½’s are ready for spring!!! We enjoyed March coming in like a lion, and made a snowman with our sprinkling of snow, but now some sunshine would be nice. The children have become such experts in recognizing all of the colors that we have begun mixing them as well. Our colors this month are blue and yellow! Magically mixed together to make green! Wow! Just the color for St. Patrick’s Day! Our room was decorated so beautifully with all the shades of green that the little leprechaun paid us a visit. He sent us on a gold coin hunt and left us delicious golden popcorn for snack.

Our class is proud to announce that one of our tadpoles has finally begun to grow two little legs. Ask your child about this amazing feat, or should I say legs? Hmmm!

We are all looking forward to the April showers bringing all those pretty flowers, and I am sure some wonderful creations will be painted and glued. What better way to celebrate Van Gogh’s birthday than with sunflowers.

Happy Spring!
Mrs. Debbie Wheelless

THE THRILLING THREE'S

Wake up, children, look out your window.

The daffodils and tulips are up.

The apple tree has blossoms.

No more heavy coats and hats and mittens.

A wind breaker will do, for spring has come to town!



March brought us wind painting, wind socks, and the spring green collages. Pots of gold were at the end of our rainbows, and then March marched right on by and gently blew in April.

Birds, blossoms and bunnies will greet us this month. What a beautiful new beginning. Spring has come again. Hoppy Easter, hoppy spring, hoppy, hoppy everything!

Mrs. Michele Aravich

Mrs. Gail Carnes

THE MAGNIFICENT FOURS

Can you believe spring has sprung? Our class is looking forward to warm and sunny days ahead!

March has been a busy month for us. We began with Dr. Seuss week and, of course, ate green eggs and ham, and we do like them "Sam I Am"!

Our Doors to Discovery curriculum has turned the children in our class into backyard detectives. We have been looking for treasures in our yards, gone on scavenger hunts, painted butterflies and made wiggly worm tracks. We have also tried our hand at growing "Horrible Harry" grass.

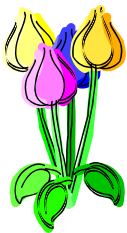
Al and his friends have taught us to be healthy children. They reminded us to be careful what we put in our mouth, what we smell, and what we touch. They enjoy singing "I'm A Healthy Child" with Al.

On St. Patrick's Day the leprechaun made a visit to our class leaving behind a trail of gold dust and a few coins for us to find!

Thank you to our parents who provided the goodies for our celebration.

We are continuing to work on our numbers, letters, letter sounds, signing our letters and learning what position words are.

We look forward to April as we celebrate Easter and the "Week of the Young Child".



Mrs. Susan Minter

Mrs. Heather Secrist

THE FANTASTIC FOURS

March has roared in this year as we say our first big snowfall of the season. The children (and teachers) were excited to see the wonderful white stuff. As we roared along this rather dreary month we have come alive with colorful rainbows and butterflies. The children performed their leprechaun dance as part of our celebration of St. Patrick's Day. They had a wonderful time learning to use their bodies to express music and words.

Tabby Tiger has taken us on an outdoor adventure. We are studying the wonderful world of nature around us. Many of the children have reminded us that these things come from "Mother Nature". Al and his friends continue to teach us how to *STOP, Think, and Brainstorm the Problem*. Most of the children are doing real well with this lesson and we hope this is happening at home as well.

We are finished with our letters of the alphabet. Phonics training now begins. This will help the children to review the letters and their sounds and give them a quick introduction into reading. We continue to review our numbers and have started patterning this month.

This is a great time of the year to push forward with science as nature blooms all around us. Our unit on butterflies will start and I know the children look forward to this every year.

April ushers in Spring and Jesus as we talk about Easter and God's sacrifice for us. Thank you for entrusting us with the development of your children.

Mrs. Kate Radermacher

Mrs. Nicole Kelly

