



Green Thumb Day Care & Pre-School

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Dear Green Thumb Families,

Welcome April! Spring has sprung! Mother nature was kind to us this year with no major snow storms but you never know what can happen in April, so if a late season snow storm occurs, please remember to check our Facebook page and N.J. Storm Watch for updates. We post them by 5:00 am on both sites.

Our Preschool students have made great progress through the alphabet and will complete every letter by the end of April to the beginning of May. Our teachers will use the remainder of the year for review, working on fine motor skills, critical thinking, and problem solving. They have spent the year learning, growing, and making lasting friendships.

We are in the home stretch for our Pre-K students. Graduation is just around the corner and your children will be moving into Kindergarten. Our graduation is set for Friday, June 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Bayside Chapel. We ask our parents and students to arrive at 6:45 with their cap and gown already on. What an exciting time for all of you! We are diligently working on basic skills, sequencing, patterns, math, sight words and our fine motor coordination. So much to learn in so little time. I can't believe another school year is coming to an end.

We will have our parent-teacher conferences May 13th for our graduating students. Remember that each child is different and learns at their own pace. Our teachers have worked hard to ready them for the challenges they will face next year. Pre-K is only a stepping stone into kindergarten, and some children will not master all areas by graduation. Reinforcement of daily learning at home is important but kids also need to have fun and be kids.

Our summer program is full. If your child needs care for the summer they will be placed on our waiting list. Please see someone in the office for details. Our Before/After Care program is also full for the 2019-2020 school year. We are rapidly filling up for our Fall 2019 program as well.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Harding



- Pre-school starts at 9:00 am. Please arrive on time. If your child arrives after 10 AM they are missing out on critical learning lessons.
- Label all of your child's belongings including clothing. Items not labeled often go missing.
- During Barnegat school closures, we do not conduct pre-school classes and revert to a day care schedule.
- Check your mailbox for important information.
- Vacation forms **must** be sent in **2 weeks** prior to the billing cycle in which you would like to receive credit. After 10 days have been used, no more vacation time will be available.



Special Birthday Wishes to the following Students.

Dakota 1st

Hunter 5th

Peyton 6th

Benjamin A. 9th

Kameryn 21st

Aubrey 22nd

Cody 23rd

Griffin 26th

Dean 28th

Parents, if you like, you can send in a special treat to celebrate your child's birthday. Please make sure it's **NUT**

Curriculum Corner:

Pre-K Students (Little Farmers)

Spring is here! Our students are in the final stretch of Pre-K. In the month of April our theme will be rainbows, gardening, and all things spring. In science and math they will learn about planting, our earth, living things, positional words, and identifying sets of #1-10. Reading and Literacy will include associating upper and lower case letters, creative writing, and continue our beginning sounds, sight words, and story recall. As always we reinforce our name recognition, letters, colors, numbers and shapes. Fine motors skills will include hole punching and manipulatives. In creative arts our students will draw a self & family portraits. What a busy time for everyone!

Pre-School Students (Pre-K, Little Sprouts 1 & 2, Harvesters 1 & 2)

Each month our students will learn 3 letters, 1 number, 1 color and 1 shape. Our teachers supplement each week with exciting activities and crafts that go hand in hand with our thematic units.

Letters

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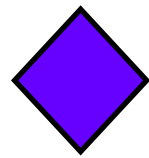
Color

Purple

Number

9

Shape



Monthly Themes:

April– Rainbows, April showers, butterflies, lady bugs, gardening, recycling/conservation, community helper farmer.



April 10th– Ocean County BOH will visit our Pre-K Class and teach our students about proper handwashing.

April 18th– Barnegat Schools have a 1/2 day

April 19th-26th– Barnegat School are closed for Spring Break.

May 6th– Walking class trip to the Library for Miss Kim & Miss. Amy's class.

May 13th, 6:15-8:45 Pre-K parent teacher conferences.

June 14th– Pre-K Graduation. 7:00 pm Bayside Chapel