

UAMS/KIDS FIRST Focus on Fort Smith

EASTER AT KIDS FIRST

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Families,

It is now officially Spring. After a few more chilly days, things should start warming up.

Things to remember:

Weather permitting, we will be playing outside every day.

- Wear closed toed shoes and socks--no sandals or crocs, they are a safety hazard.
- Please send sunscreen for your child. It will be applied on your child when it is appropriate.
- Make sure to bring at least one change of weather appropriate clothing for your child.
- And yes, we will be playing in the water during outside time.

Be sure to buckle up!

Karen Tyler

Administrative Director



(Yovani finds an egg!)



(Francisca finds the hiding spot!)

Marc and mom at the Egg Dyeing station



(Naomi hangs out in the ball (egg) pit)



(JoAnn helps Austin & Pierce)



(Dawn shows off her "haul")

(Micah discovers the sensory pleasure of Easter basket grass)



(Rachel shows off her Easter Bonnet)



(Angelina's pink egg)

(Wilson finds another egg)



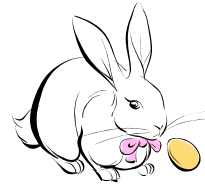
(Party time!!)



Miss Alison and Miss Judy in an egg rolling contest

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Ten children had perfect attendance for March. They are: Malachi E, Kinley E, Pierce W, Dora A, Gage M, Trevor S, Zayden E, Alejandro O, Roberto E, and Francisca F. This



month's prize winner is Francisca. Thanks again to all the parents who get their children here on a consistent basis.

Project Nurture

Nurturing Idea for April

Talk to your baby about things he is seeing, hearing, and feeling. Talk softly and gently to him during routines of the day.



WHAT IS PROJECT NURTURE?

Project Nurture is KIDSFIRST's Infant Mental Health Program. Our goal is to promote the social and emotional well-being of KIDSFIRST infants, toddlers, and families through secure and nurturing relationships.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

This month's employee of the Month is Crystal Edwards. Crystal celebrates her 5th anniversary at KIDS FIRST this month and is one of the caregivers in Eeyore's Hideout. Crystal is married and has 1 son, Cooper, who is two years old. When not working, Crystal enjoys spending time with her family, shopping and rodeoing. Congratulations Crystal!



Fun and Fitness Day Celebrates Arkansas Children's Week

On Wednesday, April 14, we held our first "fun and fitness day" in Fort Smith. Stations were set up on the playground to give the children chances to test their skills. Hopping contests, trike races, and foot races were just some of the activities held in honor of Arkansas Children's Week. There was also the hopscotch station, chasing bubbles, and a bean bag toss. The older classes even had medals to award. The children and staff were encouraged to wear their Arkansas Children's Week T-shirts. The fitness theme was continued in the classrooms with gross motor activities throughout the day.



We wanted to say a big THANK YOU to all our parents who brought supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt and parties.

Anniversaries

Celebrating anniversaries with KIDS FIRST for March and April are: Heather Thomas, Caregiver in Roos, 2 year Crystal Edwards in Eeyore's Hideout, 5 years, Jessica Rusnak in Piglets, 1 year, Amber Alder in Owl's, 1 year, Tracy Lewis, supervising teacher, 5 years and Lisa Ewald, supervising teacher, 1 year. Congratulations to all!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Children celebrating in April include: Caiden C, Eduardo F, Arion J, Kaitlyn M, Alejandro O, Guy R, and Wilson T. Staff celebrating: Jessica Rusnak, caregiver in Piglets



We forgot to mention Miss Sherry's birthday last month. Happy *Belated* birthday to Miss Sherry who is a caregiver in the Tigger Room.

Newsletter Update

Our newsletter will now be sent out around the middle of the month. This will make it easier to focus on current events at our Center.