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ROOM 4 - UNDER THE SEA

March roared in like a lion with a wearin' of the green for St. Patrick's Day. Dr. Seuss's birthday was March 2 as we all worked on eating healthy. We talked about eating colorful foods to make us grow. Next came wind/kites, gardening, plants and flowers. The children made a list of foods they liked and posted it in the room. We continue to have gardening activities, reading books, planting seeds and making plants and flowers grow.

Joshua, LeBryant, Leah, Maeson, Eddie and Jessica enjoyed painting with orange for carrots. Octavious, Zavion, Trent, Zequan and Demarcus really worked hard at making flowers. All were engaged in reciting nursery rhymes such as "Mistress Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?" We even had a box of wiggly worms that we looked at and counted.

We welcomed Maeson into our room this month. Ms. Linda and Mrs. Leah have enjoyed being with all the children in the Under the Sea room. Parents, please make sure your children have an extra set of clothes for accidents. We appreciate your involvement with our room.



Room 5 - Wild Kingdom

Spring has sprung and the Wild Kingdom has been enjoying the beautiful spring weather. This month's themes are Spring, Arkansas Children's Week, Easter and Barnyard Animals and Babies. Our room is currently learning about plants and how they grow. We planted bean, tomato and sunflower seeds. We enjoy getting to water and watch them grow every day.

Our children are working hard at meeting their goals and doing a great job. We are so proud of all of them. Amir and Trevion enjoy racing around the sidewalk with the bicycles. Laishaun and Jazmine love to dance to music. Braniya, Liberty and Autumn enjoy dramatic play and pretending they are mommies to their babies. James and Raiden enjoy the block area. They like to see how tall they can build blocks before they fall. And Chase loves to use his imagination and pretend to be a fictional character on a mission.

We have a couple of birthdays this month. Happy birthday to Amir and Jazmine!

We would like to ask our parents to send a change of clothes appropriate for the warmer weather.

Thank you parents for allowing us to be a daily part of your child's life.

ROOM 1 - BUSY BUGS

Hello from the Busy Bugs! Last month we said farewell to Mrs. Sandra who's now part of the Farm Animals room. We said hello to Mrs. Laticia, now part of the Busy Bugs family.

Despite the changes to our room the Busy Bugs are continuing to be busy! This month we will celebrate Jayden's birthday. Happy birthday Jayden! Also, for the month of April we will focus on the following themes: Spring, Arkansas Children's Week, Barnyard Animals and Babies, and Plants and Flowers. Now, on to our favorite part of the newsletter...listing the efforts and accomplishments of the Busy Bugs scholars!

Jayden loves to sing! He really likes the Bumble Bee song. Semaj is working on potty training and he's doing very well. Elijah has become more verbal. He can say a 3-4 word sentence and can name some of his classmates. CedKingdom is also becoming more verbal. He loves to look at books and name objects or animals. Jeremiah likes to play with the cars. He's also added a couple more foods to his diet. Johrie has taken an interest in puzzles. He's pretty good, too!

We're proud of our Busy Bugs! We always have to thank our ECDS, Mrs. Rachel, and the therapists for their helping hands. Parents, just a reminder, please send extra clothing for your child in case of an accident or they get dirty on the playground. Please remember regular attendance is very important for your child! Parents, thanks for letting us be a part of your child's journey through childhood!

ROOM 2 - MOTHER GOOSE NURSERY

March flew by for the nursery as we talked about wind and kites as well as eating healthy. We said goodbye to Zahara and Emma. We also said goodbye to Travon who moved up to the Busy Bugs. Saniya moved to the waddler section of the nursery and is doing really well. We welcomed Paris to the nursery, we really enjoy having her. Kash is walking around the room now and grinning the whole time! Hannah and Ja'Kalen like playing with the pop-up toy on the mat. Alena loves reading books, especially the caterpillar book. Brennen and Luke are getting good at building with blocks. Krysten and Jomya like playing with the dolls and toy animals. Krysten especially likes the fox. Davis and Teagan like throwing balls. This month we will talk about Spring and Barnyard Animals and Babies. We will also be talking about science and doing some fun activities for Arkansas Children's Week. We also look forward to celebrating Easter. The nursery hopes everyone has a fun and safe April. Thank you for letting us be a part of your children's lives.

ROOM 3 - FARM ANIMALS

March really flew by, but we welcome the warmer months! The children have been very busy working on their own personal goals and are all coming along well! Samantha, Tristen, Leocadia and Zymeah love playing with the baby dolls together and they get along great! Gunner, Jalacia and Jarvion enjoy looking at books and really enjoy being read to. Amar and Johrod like putting puzzles together and Akeelan, Jataelyn, Terrance and DeAngelo love running and playing ball in the playroom.

As a few may have noticed there have been staff changes in the rooms. Mrs. Sandra, Mrs. Amber and Mrs. Whitney are now the caregivers in the Farm Animals room. We are excited to be working together in such a fun room and we hope that families will see the changes as positive! Thank you for letting us be a part of your child's life.



IT'S TIME FOR SPRING PHOTOGRAPHS!!



TEDDY BEAR PORTRAITS WILL BE HERE FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH AT 8:00AM. FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME FOR YOU TO FILL OUT AND RETURN. PHOTOS CANNOT BE TAKEN WITHOUT A COMPLETED FORM. PICTURES WILL BE BACK IN TIME FOR MOTHER'S DAY!

Project Nurture

Nurturing Idea for April

Brain Food

When preparing foods for your child, you are careful about what goes into their bodies. You make sure that what they eat is good for them. Do you take the same care when selecting what goes into their minds? Specifically, consider the music you listen to around the house or in the car. Your child is listening too!



Now, let's be realistic. You don't necessarily have to listen to *Silly Songs with Clappy the Clown* every day, just pay attention to be sure what you're feeding your child's mind isn't "junk food".

WHAT IS PROJECT NURTURE?

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

CHECK OUT WHAT WE ARE DOING TO CELEBRATE ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S WEEK APRIL 11-15!

THE NURSE'S CORNER: APRIL 23-30 IS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION WEEK

National Immunization Week is an annual event to promote the benefits of immunizations and improve the health of children 2 years old and younger.

Through immunizations infants and children can be protected from 14 vaccine preventable diseases before age 2.

Vaccines protect children by helping prepare their bodies to fight often serious and potentially deadly diseases.

Are your child's immunizations up to date? Contact your healthcare provider or the local health department to determine if your child needs any immunizations.

