



Child Development Center

Director's Corner



April is Month of the Military Child! This special celebration is a legacy of former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger - established to underscore the important role children play in the Armed Forces community. Army Garrisons plan numerous

events ranging from the Purple Ribbon Campaign, Motivational Activities, Field Trips, Special Readers and Art Galleries - all to recognize and applaud Families and their children, who are everyday heroes, for the daily sacrifices they make in sup-

porting America's Army. Attached to the newsletter is a calendar of suggested activities you can do with your child. Watch for list of special activities we have planned for the children here at the Detroit Arsenal.

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Notes To Parents

Reminder

Payments are due the 1st and 15th of every month. After the 3rd and 17th a \$5.00 late charge will be applied.



ICE Survey

We at the DTA CDC want to know our families understand who they are and what they need. We want to receive feedback to improve our service. To send a suggestion, question or comment to let us know how we are doing, please go to ICE site:

https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=card&service_provider_id=93412&site_id=645&service_category_id=6



Leader Dog Update

Thank you to all who have inquired about Camie and how she is doing. Camie returned to the LD School for the Blind in late January and is currently in Phase II of her professional training. Hopefully she will be paired with a visually

impaired person this summer. For all of you that have missed some "puppy lovin" a new puppy will be here on or about April 19. You and your child can help this puppy reach his training goals quickly by rewarding the puppy only if he

is calm, sitting and not squirming. Please also encourage your child to pet long strokes on his back, never around the face (that excites puppies). Thanks for your help!

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Room 121



April Greetings ,

As we continue to progress into spring our focus will be on bright col-

ors, insects, and textures, which the infants are fascinated in.

Please remember that weather permitting we will be playing outside. So please bring in a lighter jacket to wear and shoes that have a nice solid sole.

We're looking forward to having a very colorful and exciting month.

Room 121,

Ms. Dede and Ms. Larenceia



Room 122

April Showers bring May flowers. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will be able to take the kids outside more and more, they love the fresh air.

We would like to thank the parents who came to parent/teacher conferences, your support is appreciated. Best of luck to Addison who moved to

the toddler room, we will miss her. We would also like to extend a big welcome to Bryson.

There is a lot to celebrate in Room 122 in April. Happy Birthday to Devin (April 8), Bryson (April 8), and Chloe (April 15). We would also like to wish Ms. Raquel a Happy Birthday (April 12).

Welcome home Chloe's parents, they have both been deployed to Afghanistan and will be home for several weeks to celebrate Chloe's 1st Birthday.

Ms. Kelly and Ms. Toni

Room 125



Winter is finally over and now spring has begun. Soon we will be seeing more signs of spring and this means more outside play time. We had a fun time tasting different kinds of green foods on St. Patrick's Day.

We would like to send a warm CYSS welcome to Nolan and his family.

Our focus for the month of April

will be Spring, big and little, dinosaurs, and preparing for bedtime.

Because we are talking about bedtime we will be having a Pajama Day Party on Wednesday April 21. Please bring your child to school dressed in their p.j.'s. They may bring in a special toy to share with friends if they wish.

Birthday Shout out to:

- Patrick April 20th
- Nolan April 24th

We are sad to say goodbye to Patrick, he will be moving to preschool this month, we will miss you!

Parents please remember to take your child's art work home every week. Let's have a wonderful spring season.

Ms. Crystal, Ms. Lelia

Miss. Jessie, & Ms. Gwen

Room 126

"Trees bring places alive." During the month of April we will focus on life and new beginnings. Various themes are: Spring, Senses, Earth Day, Nature and Easter. Children will discover difference between various tastes: sweet/salty, sour/bitter. Hearing/Listening gives children an opportunity to express themselves through songs, and stories and promote language development and creative movement. The season of spring brings colorful sights (blooming flowers, trees, and fluttering butterflies), melodic sounds (birds chirping, and beetles clicking), aromatic scents (freshly cut grass and rain). Children will do hands-on experimenting and exploring things as they relate to earth and nature (i.e. soil and plants).

Children will be able to observe how a seed transforms to flower, tree, or plant (new life).

What does the sun, Big Bird, and bananas have in common? They are yellow. Yellow is the next color we will explore. Please be on the look out for the bright creative art expressions displayed in the classroom.

Birth Day greetings go out to the following children:

Kelly—April 19th

Michael—April 23rd

Will—April 28th

Our Easter Social is planned for April 1st.



"Knowledge grows like a tree, slowly and on fertile ground."

Happy April!

Ms. Deanna, Ms. Kim,

Ms. Jessie, and Ms. Gwen

Room 129



Now that the weather is getting warmer we will be going outdoors to get some much needed fresh air. Is there a child on this planet who doesn't love riding toys? The appeal of tricycles, wagons, and other riding toys with wheels is universal with young children. Riding toys put the children in positions of power. By steering a tricycle and learning to make it go fast, slow, and stop, the machine becomes an extension of the child's will. They are learning to use their bodies to make things happen

with a machine, Listen to the sound effects they make, it's apparent that riding toys are vehicles of dramatic play.

Over the last four months we have been working on the alphabet letters A-Z during circle time with our alphabet center. The children should now know some or many of the alphabet letters. The younger children are recognizing the first letter in their name.

Our classroom will be participating with Scholastic by reading fifty books or more this spring. By doing this we will be helping donate 250,000 books to kids on military bases.

Thank you for the items donated for St. Patrick's Day. Also the eggs, on the tree were so cute. The children will be enjoying a visit from the Easter Bunny April 2nd.

Note: Conferences are scheduled

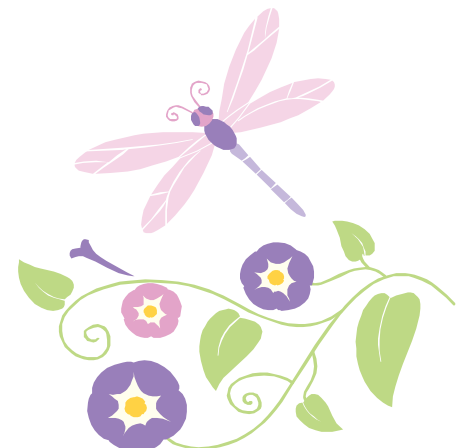
for this month.

Birthdays wishes to Megan on the 24th and to Keleb on the 25th.

Themes for April will include—celebrating Month of the Military Child with some fun activities, spring-time, Earth day April 22nd, and a Spring Party (details will be posted).

Ms. Rosie

Ms. Comiska



Room 130



Wow it is already April and Spring has sprung! Thank you to all the parents that donated to our green tasting party. The kids really enjoyed The leprechaun's visit and the treats he left.

We have been incorporating a lot of fine motor activities in the curriculum, such as match up games, puzzles, water/sand table and painting. Not only does this help strengthen their muscles, it also can help them with

color, shape, and letter recognition.

Each Monday your child picks a job from the job board. Please talk with your child and ask them what their job is and the responsibilities that go along with it.

The season is changing so please make sure your child's change of clothing still fits and is appropriate for the weather.

The Easter Party will be on April 2nd. There is a sign-up if anyone is

interested in donating to it.

The Easter Bunny will come and visit us on April 1st. If you want a picture taken please let us know.

The focus—for the month is:

Mar 29-April 2 Easter Letter E
April 5-9 Easter Letter U
April 12-16 Spring Letter D
April 19-23 Space/Stars Letter E

Room 130 Staff



Artsonia

Have you checked out Artsonia.com lately? If you have signed your child's permission slip, you can view selected pieces of their artwork on-line. You can also share their artist name with family and friends from out-of-town so they can join in the fun. Your child can have their own fan club where visitors can comment on their work! Artsonia even has a store, where you can order unique custom items like shirts, tote bags, cutting boards, and mouse pads with your child's artwork on it!

Amy's Kitchen Corner

Yippee! Spring, can you see it? Smell it? And feel it? It's time to get the children out to play. With Easter right around the corner, lots of sweets and treats will come from the Easter Bunny. Please remember, too much fat consumption at any age is linked with the development of heart disease. Obesity can occur even in very young children. Packaged foods contain lots of sugar. You have more control over the amount of sugar a child gets if you make your own foods.

F.Y.I. don't forget the eggs you make for your Easter Egg Hunt or display, age one day for each

hour they are out at room temperature. Hard cooked eggs will keep for one week in the refrigerator. They must stay cold.

Recipe of the Month

Taco Soup

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. Lean ground beef or turkey
- 1 lg. onion chopped
- 1 (4 oz.) can diced green chilies
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 (15 oz.) can pinto beans, drained
- 1 (1.25 oz) pkg. taco seasoning mix
- 1 1/2 cups water

- 1 (1 oz) pkg. ranch dressing mix
- 1 (15 oz) can white hominy, drained
- 1 (14.5 oz) can stewed tomatoes
- 1 (15 oz) can kidney beans drained and rinsed

Preparation:

In large dutch oven, brown meat and onion over medium heat. Drain off fat. Add chilies, salt & pepper, beans, water, seasoning mixes, hominy and stewed tomatoes to the meat mixture. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 min. Top with shredded cheese, and serve with tortilla chips.

Happy Cooking! Mrs. Amy

Strong Beginnings

Wow, March is gone and April is here! We've been enjoying the outdoors as much as we can.

March was a busy month. We practiced letters W, V, I, Z, & X. Please continue working on letter sounds with your children at home.

In science we learned about how important our Five Senses are, and what it might be like for people who may not be able to see or hear. Taste was definitely our favorite week (yum)!

April we will be celebrating the

Month of the Military Child by encouraging families to read with their children. For every 50 books read at school and home, Scholastic Book Club will donate a total of 250,000 books to our Military bases. Our goal is to read 100 books. Please help us support our Military children.

This month we will be practicing letters K, Q, Y and reviewing. We'll also be discovering our planet and solar system and what we can do to take care of them.

April 2-9 we will not be following Strong Beginnings Curriculum because of Spring Break

We want to wish a big Happy 5th Birthday to our friends:

- Lordina on April 11
- Alyssa on April 12

Happy Spring!

Mrs. Corder

Ms. Covington

Ms. Guset

Mrs. Rizzo

