



Stepping Stones II

early learning center

Pre-K Graduation

April 2010—May 2010

Pre-Kindergarten graduation is right around the corner! The children and staff have been working very hard to continue our yearly tradition. Graduation will take place on June 24th! There will be a BBQ directly following the ceremony. Invitations will be handed out shortly for those families leaving us for Kindergarten!



Upcoming Dates:

May 31—Closed

June 11—Closed

June 21—Father's Day Breakfast

June 24—Pre-K Graduation

July 5—Closed

Mother's Day Breakfast

Thank you to all the Mothers and Grandmothers who joined us for this nice celebration!

New Staff

We have had some new staff join SSII in the past few months:

Megan—Toddler 3 Teacher

Employee of the Month



March—Ms. Amy —
Toddler 2 Teacher



April —Ms. Cassandra —
Toddler 4 TA

Classroom News

Infant 1

April was a very eventful month. We had a great time decorating Easter eggs. We said goodbye to Aditya, who is now in Toddlers, and welcomed Alexander to Infant 1. We had a fun time getting creative and messy during Week of the Young Child. As April ended, we did fun projects for Earth Day. This month we made gifts and celebrated Mother's Day. We also had fun with our circus theme. We wish Connor the best of luck in Toddlers!

Toddler 1

In April, Toddler 1 enjoyed exploring the garden and planting our very own flowers (that are beginning to sprout). We also had a blast visiting grandmas and grandpas at the Eddy for an egg hunt with the Easter bunny. During the month of May, we said our goodbyes to our friend Spencer and welcomed our new friend, Connor. We have learned about the animals at the zoo and will continue to explore animals on a farm!

Toddler 3

Thank you all for welcoming me into your child's life. I am looking forward to learning more about you as we grow together. We just finished our exploration of water and fish. Next we will be using our senses to touch, listen, taste, smell, and see things that begin with "B". We will listen to sounds birds make, look at bugs, make a beehive, float boats, and so much more! A big congratulations to Kevin as he moves forward on his journey to Preschool!

Infant 2

April and May were filled with fun spring activities. We made paper plate flowers, stained glass tulips, and handprint butterflies. Week of the Young Child was a very fun filled week with lots of messy art and fun activities—the children had a blast body painting and playing in spaghetti. In May we enjoyed celebrating our Mother's, dressing in crazy clothes, and exploring the jungle!

Infant 3

Along with the season change came lots of changes in Infant 3. In April, we welcomed Spring and our sweet friend Knightley. As the days became warm, we donned our sunhats and headed outside for daily walks while we talked about all of the blooming flowers. We even spotted a fox leaping in the meadow next door! We also celebrated Week of the Young Child with new activities everyday. Everyone loved the experience of body painting on a giant piece of paper! May brought many changes to our room as we said goodbye to Charlotte and then Connor. We will miss them. Now we are ready to welcome the new twins, Alexis and Layla, to our room. We are ready to give these tiny new friends (only 2 months) lots of love and care!

Toddler 2

We had fun going to see the preschool circus and then the circus came to our class and we got to be silly clowns. We also had fun making a garden for our wall that we made for our special friend Alivia—we have her kites in our garden. We did a lot of water play this week and learned about rain, we even went for a walk in the rain with our rain ponchos! We are also excited to say we will be having two potty parties in our class—
Briana & Michael!

Classroom News

Toddler 4

Toddler 4 is happy the nice weather is finally here! We hope our moms had a happy Mother's Day and enjoyed their special gift. This past month, we have learned about flowers, turtles, and frogs. We are looking forward to learning about fish, sea life, and boats. We recently received the news that Ms. Cassandra will be leaving to further her education. We will certainly miss her bunches and wish her the best of luck!

Preschool 3

Spring time has been a lot of fun so far in Preschool 3. One week we talked about growth and change, grew grass, and made photo timelines to show how we have been growing. Another week we learned about birds, made bird puppets, bird feeders, and nests. In the next couple of week, we will be welcoming special guest musicians who will play the saxophone and hand drums. We will also have a visit from a mail carrier and learn about the Post Office!

Preschool 1

We have been busy in Preschool 1. In April, we enjoyed getting ready for Spring while learning about eggs, flowers, and the circus. In May, we put on a circus show for Toddler 2, the Eddy, our parents, and the rest of Preschool. We also put our chicken eggs in the incubator, they are due to hatch around the 24th of May! Everyday we check the temperature and humidity to make sure they are at the correct levels. On May 11th, we had a field trip to the New York State Museum. It was great to learn about all the animals, see the "real" longhouse, and go on the Merry Go Round! Last, but not least, we would like to thank all the parents who helped with and came to our circus!

Preschool 2

Preschool 2 has welcomed our chilly spring season by planting seeds (sunflowers), corn seeds, and transplanting flowers for Mother's Day. We discussed mothers & babies, the circus, and farms. At the end of May, we went on a field trip to the CMOST! We welcomed Olivia and Riley from toddlers and said goodbye to Violet.

Preschool 4

Throughout the months of April and May, Preschool 4 has been busy with many different projects! At the beginning of April, we held a spring egg hunt outside and invited all of our family members to attend. We then had a spring themed celebration in our room. At the end of April, we had a local florist come visit our classroom. The florist explained to us what flowers and plants need to survive. The children loved the visit and were thrilled to plant their very own flowers in pots they had decorated! During the month of May, we gave many thanks to our mothers by creating handmade cards, as well as a cookbook for each mother to take home. The flowers we had previously planted were also sent home to our mothers. We have been learning about our Solar System. The children had a great time learning about science and the planets. We went to the CMOST to celebrate our theme! The children were excited to ride a big bus!

Water Play

Just around the corner, the weather will be warm enough for water play, a favorite of the children! Please provide a towel, bathing suit, water shoes, as well as sunscreen if you haven't already!



Week of the Young Child is always a fantastic time for the children! Here are some pictures of the different activities that some classrooms did.



Circus

Preschool 1 did a great job performing their circus! There were tight-rope walkers, elephants, lions, and even a CLOWN!



Birthday Celebrations!

April:

2nd—Taylor, P4

6th—Evan, I1 & Ellie, I3

13th—Elena, I1

14th—Bobby, I3

29th—Olivia, P2 & Janelle, P2

30th—Colin, P1 & Olivia, T1



May:

6th—Aditya, P4

8th—Tessa, P3 & Aubree, I2

13th—Claudia, T4

18th—Ian, P1

19th—Spencer, P4

21st—Kevin, T3

22nd—Aaliya, I1

24th—Miguel, P1 & Olivia, P3

26th—Natalie, P1

29th—Brianna, T2

31st—Sophia, P1

