

Tiny Rams Times

April 2026



Hello!

Spring is in the air, and our classrooms are buzzing with curiosity and creativity! As we hop into the season of Easter, our little learners will be exploring the wonders of nature: tiny snails, magical mushrooms, and the hidden worlds you might find in a garden after the rain. Our stories and activities will also be inspired by the playful imagination of Mo Willems, whose characters always remind us that learning can be silly, joyful, and full of laughter. All of this excitement ties in perfectly with the Week of the Young Child, when we celebrate the creativity, curiosity, and incredible potential of young learners every day.

Fun fact: Did you know that snails are very strong for their size? Some snails can lift objects up to 10 times their body weight!

Pigeon Toast snack

What you need:

- Whole-grain toast or rice cake
- Blueberries
- Banana slice
- A small strawberry or apple peel piece
- Cream cheese or yogurt (for spreading)

How to make it:

1. Spread a thin layer of cream cheese or yogurt on the toast
2. Use blueberries to make the pigeon's head
3. Add a banana slice with a blueberry on top for the big pigeon eye
4. Use a small strawberry slice or an apple peel for the beak



Don't let the pigeon eat all the snacks!

-Your Tiny Rams Team

HOURS:

7:15 am - 5:45 pm
*There will be a minimum charge of \$15/child for any late pick ups.

SAVE THE DATE:

April 1st - 2026-2027
Enrollment OPENS!

April 3rd - **CLOSED!**

April 11-17th - "Week of the Young Child"

BIRTHDAYS:

April 6th - Sara
April 17th - Milo
April 22nd - Braxton

LESSON THEMES:

"Easter,
Snails & Mushrooms,
Mo Williams &
WOYC"

REMINDERS:

Please be sure your child has weather appropriate "extra" clothing for spills & accidents as well as a clean water bottle every day.

HEATH POLICY:

A child who has any illness associated with a fever or any communicable condition (temperature of 100°F or above, diarrhea/vomiting, unexplained skin rash) must be kept home. A child cannot return until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication and the communicable condition has been treated and has ceased for 24 hours.

Classroom Happenings

INFANTS

Hello families! This month in our infant classroom, we're embracing all the sweet spring vibes with a mix of Easter fun, nature exploration, and playful storytime. Our little ones will be diving into soft, hands-on sensory activities with pastel eggs and spring textures, while also slowing things down to explore curiosity through our snails and mushrooms theme. We'll continue enjoying expressive, silly, and engaging stories inspired by Mo Willems, bringing lots of giggles and personality into our days. It's shaping up to be a cozy, joy-filled month full of discovery, growth, and plenty of smiles

As the weather warms up, please remember to send your child with a light jacket and a sun hat so we can stay comfy and protected while enjoying time outdoors



TODDLERS

April is packed with enrichment! We'll dive right into **Easter-themed activities**, including egg decorating, creative storytelling, and buoyancy experiments. Our Easter week will end with an Easter Egg Hunt! This transitions into our '**Snails and Mushrooms**' unit, where the toddlers will build a fairy garden and practice observational shell drawing. We will celebrate a Hollywood-themed **Week of the Young Child** with different fun dress-up days and activities. We'll conclude the month by celebrating **Mo Willems**. After reading classics like Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!, the children will engage in sharing activities, pigeon-themed yoga, and calming exercises.

Classroom Happenings

PRESCHOOL

We are so HOPPY the school year is almost at its end! During April, we will celebrate Easter by decorating and experimenting with eggs, eating food and acting like bunnies, and hunting for the easter bunnies' school eggs! Our author this month is Mo Willems, who writes the super-funny Pigeon books that tend to break the fourth wall. To top it off, we will learn about mushrooms and snails and how they live together!

The month of April brings the Week of the Young Child, which is a time we bring awareness to early childhood education! This year's theme is all about our Tiny Rams Rising Stars. We will have fun activities and a spirit dress up this week!

Our preschool class will be working on the **Standard HP.03** in Nebraska's early guideline development under the Health and Physical Development domain. While we work through this standard, our preschoolers will focus on their personal hygiene while washing hands, brushing teeth, and eating meals, appropriate clothing choices for the weather, understanding safe and unsafe touch, the signs of danger, and being able to communicate with an adult if they see something dangerous.



K-READINESS

This month, our classroom will be filled with wonder as we dive into our themes of Easter, the whimsical world of Mo Willems, and the tiny treasures of nature—snails and mushrooms. We will be focusing on mastering those "tricky" letters to sharpen our writing skills, and we're excited to brighten our days with a dedicated Color of the Week throughout April and May. To take advantage of the spring weather, we'll be heading outside for a Nature Day every other week, while inside, the magic of life begins as we start hatching and learning all about eggs. Finally, as we look toward the end of the year, we are already busy preparing our future kindergartners for graduation next month and practicing our special song for the big day!

As the weather transitions, please ensure your child has a jacket at school each day. Additionally, we will be needing sunblock soon, so please feel free to send some in with your child!

Ways to Connect!



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PROCARE

Download the free parent communication app to view live updates of your child's daily activities.

<https://schools.procareconnect.com/>



OUR WEBSITE

Check it out for important information, newsletters & menus.

<https://www.ralstonschoolsfoundation.org/>

FACEBOOK

Like us on Facebook for important updates and pictures.

<https://www.facebook.com/lilandtinyrams>



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Tiny Rams is Step 4 Rated, learn more here

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Tiny Rams Rising Stars

Week of the Young Child

April 13th-17th



Monday April 13th Rising Stars

Wear **gold**, **silver**, **sparkles** or your best champion gear (superheroes, sports teams)

Tuesday April 14th Walk of Fame

Wear your favorite **character** OR clothes with **stars** on them



Wednesday April 15th Stunt Double Day

Wear your **athletic gear**



Thursday April 16th Hollywood Sleepover

(The Night Before the Movie)

Wear your best **pajamas**

Friday April 17th Premiere Day

Wear your best "red **carpet**" ready look



HOLLYWOOD