

LIL' & TINY RAMS



Ralston Schools Foundation

TINY RAMS TIMES APRIL 2022

Hello!

Hoppy April! We are looking forward to a fun filled month! March brought us some crazy weather, it went from nice and warm to cold and snowy and then back again! Our friends were unfortunately unlucky yet again this year and that pesky leprechaun escaped, we will have to try again next year. This month we get to await the Easter bunny! Our friends will do fun Easter crafts and learn about recycling.

April 4-8th is "Week of the Young Child" which is a national celebration of children. This year our theme is Circus. We have fun activities planned for each day so be sure to check the attached flyer.

Did you know April 21st is National High Five Day? How did this all start? Depends on whom you ask. We're going with the baseball story that dates back to 1977, when Dodgers Dusty Baker and Glenn Burke gave each other a high five in celebration. Baker's home run had just made L.A. the first team in history to have four hitters with at least 30 home runs in a single season. Here are some ways to celebrate!

1. Teach a younger friend! Smile and raise your hand up high and make contact with another friend!
2. Teach your pet to high five!
3. Practice giving a low five!

Giving a high five is a great way to tell someone great job!

THEMES:

"Week of the Young Child,
Easter, Recycling"

BIRTHDAYS:

April 4th – Emilia
April 11th – Eli
April 12th – Lauren
April 12th – Natalie
April 18th – Grayson
April 18th – Josefina
April 24th – Barrett

SAVE THE DATE:

April 1st – 2022-2023 Enrollment
Open

April 4-8th – "Week of the Young
Child"

April 6th – Spring Family Fun Night
6-7pm

April 15th – CLOSED!

HEALTH & SAFETY:

Masks are no longer required,
but strongly encouraged.
Students & staff who exhibit
Covid-19 symptoms will be asked
to stay home.

REMINDERS:

Please be sure your child has
weather & size appropriate extra
clothing in their cubby. Each
child also needs a clean & FILLED
water bottle each and every
day!

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- Your Tiny Rams Team

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Infants

Teachers: Shelby & Megan

Welcome, Liam!

April showers bring May flowers. April is one of our favorite months with it starting to feel more like spring and means we are only two months away from Summer. In the month of April we will be celebrating the Week of the Young Child with a circus themed week, and also celebrating Easter. To celebrate the Week of the Young Child we will do a lot of fun circus themed activities like, an exciting fine motor activity by pulling tickets from a can, and we will also work on our gross motor skills by crawling through "flaming hoops". To celebrate Easter, we will do lots of fun arts and crafts like tissue paper eggs, painting with eggs, and make an Easter keepsake. Another theme we have this month is recycling, we will explore and talk about items that we can recycle, as well as try to make noise makers and activities out of recycled materials.

What we are working on:

We are so ecstatic to welcome baby Liam to the baby room. We will work on helping Liam get adjusted to the room and a new routine. Our younger friends will continue to work on and hopefully accomplish rolling over, tummy time, and eating solids (with parents' permission). Our older friends will work on playing individually and together and continue working on gentle hands. We are sad to see Jazmyn leave the baby room, but we are super excited for her to move up to the infant/toddler room and get to experience the new fun and exciting activities they have to offer.



Look at our sweet baby boys!

Infant/Toddlers

Teachers: Heather

Welcome, Jazmyn!

To celebrate Week of the Young Child we will be learning about the Circus. We will be crawling through hoops and practicing our balance by crawling/walking on a tape line! For Easter we are going to practice fine motor by opening plastic eggs to find foam shapes! Our friends will also be making cardstock Easter eggs. This month we are learning about recycling. We are going to paint on recycled egg cartons and our friends will make a handprint earth!

What we are working on: We are working on using our social skills with friends, keeping our feet on the floor in the classroom, and washing our hands more independently.

Early Learning Guidelines Goals:

(AL.O1) Develops foundational skills that support initiative, self-direction, and curiosity as a learner. Begins to exhibit response inhibition. Verbally expresses desires to complete tasks on their own.



"Infant/Toddlers bubble party!"

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Toddlers

Teachers: Amber, Sarah & Emilie

Welcome, Payne!

We have many fun activities prepared for this month! Our friends will get to play parachute games and practice our balance with different activities. During Week of the Young Child, we will get to be messy and make cotton candy puffy paint as well as other fun circus crafts. To celebrate Easter our friends will be doing jellybean science and decorating eggs. The toddlers will be making recycled art, and we will be planting flowers at the end of April!

What we are working on: This month we are working on using calm words and using kind touches with our friends.

ELG Learning Objectives: Standard CA. 02: Develops foundational skills that support creative expression through the process, production, and appreciation of visual art



Toddler fun with "Lorax" Mustaches!

Preschool

Teachers: Emily (Miss E), Shannon & Annalie

Tiny Rams are going to have an **eggcellent** time decorating eggs and learning about the different animals that lay eggs. We will have a good time hiding and finding easter eggs on our playground! Our class will learn about the different changes in weather, we will be exploring nature and observing the many changes outside. Our friends will learn different ways to take care of our earth such as recycling. Our class will learn about the different baby animals and their names. We are looking forward to hatching eggs in May and letting the kids guess what will come out of them! Also, we will be planting seeds in the garden on our playground, the kids will help and learn how to take care of the plants that we grow.

Early Learning Guidelines Goals:

Social and emotional: Children will work on recognizing and acknowledging the feelings, needs and rights of others. We will also work on engaging in cooperative group play. We will work on recognizing how actions affect others and friends will accept consequences for their own actions. Children will work to solve problems with other children independently by negotiating or by using other social interactions.



Our Preschool Leprechauns

STAFF BIO OF THE MONTH

Anna

"My favorite part about working at Tiny Rams is spending time with the kids!"



Hello, I'm Anna! I'm a senior at RHS. I am in the "Future Teacher Internship Program" and just started working at Tiny Rams! You can reach me at 21asalinasreyes@ralstonschools.org.

I have 4 siblings and 3 dogs (Great Dane, Pomeranian Shih tzu mix and a Miniature Schnauzer). My hobbies include reading and sleeping!

SOME OF MY FAVORITE THINGS:

Season: Fall Holiday: Christmas Food: Pizza

Color: Turquoise Drink: Pepsi

Movie: Howl's Moving Castle T.V. Show: Anime

Book: Warrior Cats Vacation: The Forest

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Tiny Rams is Step 4 Rated, learn more here



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PROCARE

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



WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD
APRIL 4-8TH, 2022

Life is a Circus, Enjoy the Show!

MONDAY- "WELCOME TO THE SHOW"

*DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE CIRCUS PERFORMER

TUESDAY- "RINGMASTER"

*BRING YOUR FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL

WEDNESDAY- "IF I RAN THE CIRCUS"

*SNACK MIX DONATIONS

THURSDAY- "AMAZING ACROBATICS"

*WEAR ATHLETIC CLOTHING

FRIDAY- "CLOWING AROUND"

*WEAR YOUR SILLIEST OUTFIT





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CARNIVAL

Festival



Join us for a night of family fun!

Food, Games & Prizes

April 6, 2022 6-7pm

Ralston High School Cafeteria

