



TINY RAMS TIMES

APRIL 2023

Hello!

Happy April! April brings us lots of fun days and activities. Last month our friends were unsuccessful in their attempts to catch that sneaky leprechaun, but he did leave behind some of his gold! Our friends also learned about caterpillars and butterflies and celebrated Dr. Suess. This month we will celebrate the "Week of the Young Child" with different literacy themed activities and dress up days. We will also do some fun Easter crafts and learn all about Music.

Did you know that April is Keep America Beautiful Month? Keep America Beautiful Month in April is inspired by a non-profit organization dedicated towards improving our public spaces through action and education. Some ways you can engage in the idea behind this month is to pick up litter in your neighborhood or at your local park, you can also organize a recycling plan for your family, and we can make a recycling plan for here at school as well!

- **Your Tiny Rams Team**

THEMES:

"W.O.Y.C, Easter & Music"

SAVE THE DATE:

April 1st – 2023-2024
Enrollment begins

April 3-6th – WOYC
*See attached flyer for additional information!

April 7th – **CLOSED**

BIRTHDAYS:

April 5th - Emilia
April 12th - Natalie
April 12th - Lauren
April 18th - Josefina
April 18th - Grayson
April 22nd - Braxton
April 24th - Barrett

REMINDERS:

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

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CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Infants

Teachers: Shelby, Sarah & Emilie

Happy Spring! This month our themes are Week of the Young Child, Easter, and music! We will start out the month with the week of the young child. Our theme this year for it is "Literacy in Children" and we have lots of activities planned for that week. The rest of the month we will do fun activities and projects that correlate with our easter and music themes. We have a few fun science experiments like fireworks in a jar and a peeps experiment. As for our music theme we are going to be doing drum painting, making new sensory bottles, and counting piano keys.

Early Learning Guideline Goals:

Our friends are all going to work on having kind hands with each other and practicing that by looking in the mirror and finding our kind hands. We also are continuously working on our gross motor skills like rolling, sitting up, crawling, pulling up, and walking.



"Happy Babies!"

Infant/Toddlers

Teachers: Lily & Ciara



"Infant/Toddler friends passing out their Valentine's!"

This month we will begin to introduce snacks into our lesson plans! Majority of our themed snacks will be fruits, veggies, and other nutritional choices. This month we will have a xylophone made from fruits! We are so excited to try out some active games for our musical unit where we will combine exercise with dance! The first week of the month is Week of the Young Child, and we are ready to work together to create art and work on team building! Of course, we will be doing Easter activities including dyeing eggs, going on an Easter egg hunt, and using our sensory bin to "feed" baby chicks! Remember to check your child's art folder to see all the creative crafts we've been busy with!

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Toddlers

Teachers: Amber, Shay & Eva

We're doing so many fun activities this month! April 3rd-6th is the week of the young child and we will be doing activities based on the book of the day. On the 10th we'll be doing an easter egg hunt and the rest of that week is filled Nature walks, foraging supplies, and building or creating from the things we've collected. For Earth Day and recycling we'll be planting seeds, learning about what happens when we throw things away, how we can help our environment and painting with mud. For Music week we're having a special guest visitor come talk to the kids. We're also going to be making our own guitars and other instruments from things we find around the room/ school!

Early Learning Guidelines Goals: This month we're focusing on discovering and working with things from our environments. S.02 Develops foundational skills in learning and understanding about the world through exploration and investigation



"Toddler friends getting creative with sponge painting!"

Preschool

Teachers: Shannon & Heather

This month for Easter we will talk about what we see and do during this holiday. We will also dye eggs and make paper eggs out of different art supplies! Our friends will be talking about the different sights and smells we see during the Spring season. We will also go on a nature walk to take in the sights and sounds as a group. For Earth Day we will talk about what makes our planet special and how we can conserve our planet's precious resources. The preschoolers will learn about recycling and how it helps our planet stay clean and healthy. For Week of the Young Child, we are going to explore classic childhood books and do various theme days and activities. Our friends will get the opportunity to hatch eggs and we will be getting our supplies from the Nebraska Extension Office. We will make predictions about what we think will be hatching out of the eggs! Lastly, to learn about music we will look at and explore different musical instruments and listen to various types of music. We will also learn about musical notes and what the rhythms sound like.

ELG Learning Objectives: We are working on personal space and respecting personal boundaries. (SE.03) Develops foundational skills to support cooperation and prosocial behavior. We are learning to cooperate and work together as we play games, interact, and explore the many learning centers. As well as in large group activities as in gross motor activities and circle time.



"Preschool friends enjoying a Spring weather picnic!"

STAFF BIO OF THE MONTH

Shannon

"My favorite thing about working at Tiny Rams is getting to know the children and their families."



Hello, I'm Shannon! I am one of the preschool teachers. I have worked at Tiny Rams for about 3.5 years and have nearly 25 years of experience in childcare. You can reach me at Shannon.elkins@ralstonschools.org

My husband Jeff and I have been married for 10 years! We have 4 children. Kale, freshman in college, Eva a senior at RHS, Mia (3rd grade) and Eli (Kindergarten) both attend Seymour Elementary. We have a small zoo of pets which include fish, (3) lizards, (3) cats & (3) dogs. In my free time I enjoy doing freelance photography and volunteering on the Oak Hill Pool Board during the summer.

SOME OF MY FAVORITE THINGS:

Season: Spring

Holiday: Halloween

Vacation: The Beach

Color: PURPLE

Drink: Cherry Coke

Food: Mexican

T.V. Show: "Grey's Anatomy, The Good Doctor, Law & Order"

Movie: "Lifetime Movies" Book: Interview with a Vampire

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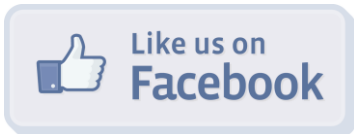
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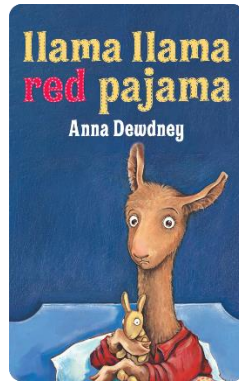
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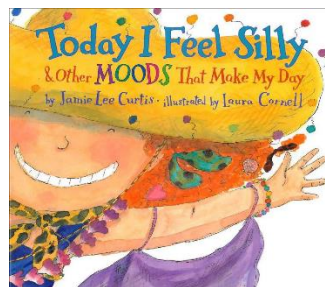
Week of the Young Child

“Literacy in Children”

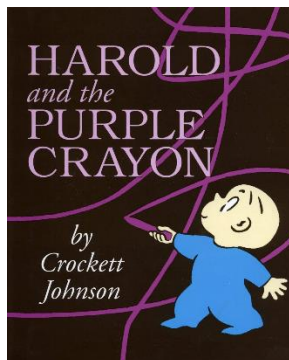
April 3rd-6th



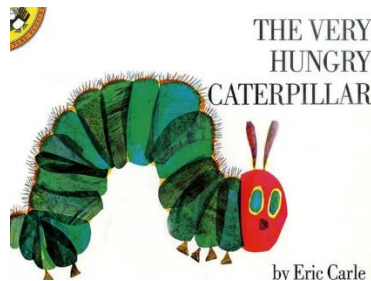
Monday April 3rd: Llama Llama **Red** Pajama
(Wear your favorite **red** pajamas, or any other pajamas)



Tuesday April 4th: Today I Feel Silly (wear **silly** clothes and have **silly** hair)



Wednesday April 5th: Harold and the **Purple** Crayon (wear **purple**)



Thursday April 6th: The Very Hungry **Caterpillar** (we will be having a special **caterpillar** snack)