



TINY RAMS TIMES

MARCH 2024

Happy March! Last month Tiny Rams spread love by celebrating Valentine's Day. Our friends enjoyed their classroom parties and loved handing out Valentines! We also learned what it means to be a friend and how to be kind! This month we will be trying our best to catch that sneaky leprechaun, even though he outsmarts us every year, and we will also learn all about bunnies and rabbits!

Did you know that March 3rd-9th is Words Matter Week? During this week we celebrate the importance of how we communicate with each other and the importance of the words we see and read every day. We can celebrate this week by paying someone a compliment or sitting down and playing a word game together as a family. Another easy way to celebrate this week is to read a story and really talk about the words and the pictures in the book!

- Your Tiny Rams Team

THEMES:

"St. Patrick's Day, Bunnies & Rabbits"

SAVE THE DATE:

March 1st – Summer Enrollment Begins

March 29th – **CLOSED!**

BIRTHDAYS:

March 8th – Mikey

March 17th – Juniper KW

March 19th – Jazmyn

March 27th – Landyn

HEALTH 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.

REMINDERS:

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

HEART OF LEARNING:

Be sure to nominate a deserving Lil' or Tiny Rams staff member for the Heart of Learning Award!

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CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Infants

Teachers: Sarah, Danna & Brooklyn

One Peep, Two Peep, Red Peep, Blue Peep, Happy March! Let's get this fun spring rolling with some of our favorite holiday candies, Peeps! This March, our friends are going to be doing a lot of hands-on activities to get ready for this spring! We have some fun sensory activities that involve mixing paint around to discover so many colors! We are going to be mixing colors and turning them into rainbows and flowers! Towards the end of the month, we will be making some fun Saint Patrick's Day crafts! We will be looking at books about Saint Patrick's Day and Easter! We are super egg-cited to show you everything we have planned!

This month, our friends will be working on learning our colors! Our older infant friends will be working on walking without support and working on our first words! Our younger friends will be working on rolling over and sitting up without support. Parents, please feel free to bring updated family pictures!



"Babies enjoying storytime with Miss Brooklyn!"



"Infant/Toddler friends exploring Marshmallows in the sensory table!"

Infant/Toddlers

Teachers: Amber

This month we're doing so many fun activities! Our friends will be doing some shamrock stamping with bell peppers and we will make rainbow suncatchers. We will be doing a fun movement activity and hop like bunnies while learning our colors at the same time. Our friends will also be making some cute paper plate bunnies! This month we will continue to work on getting ourselves dressed, washing our hands and keeping our faces cleaned!

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Toddlers

Teachers: Elizabeth, Michelle & Jennifer

We are so lucky to have your kids in our classroom! For the month of March our themes are St. Patrick's Day, bunnies, and rabbits, and then the first week of March (the 4th to the 8th) is Reading Across America Week! For St. Patrick's Day we're going to make some different shamrock art and a beautiful rainbow suncatcher! For our rabbits and bunnies' theme, we're going to use our bodies to hop around like bunnies and sing the sleepy bunnies song! We're also going to be making some chalk bunnies outside as the weather gets warmer! For Reading Across America week, we'd love to invite parents or any grandparents or aunts or uncles to come read to the class either in the morning or afternoon, I'll have a signup sheet on the front door or feel free to message a time you'd like to read, and we'll mark it in! With all the fun learning we're also going to be working on our own self-help skills! We're still working on putting on our own hats, gloves, and coats and washing our hands! We feel so lucky to celebrate another month with your child and we love watching them grow and bloom! <3



"Toddlers sitting so nice for circle time & a special Valentine's day story!"

Preschool

Teachers: Shannon & Heather

This month we will be talking about St. Patrick's Day! We will learn about leprechauns and shamrocks. Our friends will do a fun science/art project and make fizzing shamrocks with special fizzing paint! We will make our special Leprechaun trap to see if we can catch a Leprechaun as a class. For our bunnies and rabbits' theme we will learn about the environment they live in! We will also talk about what they eat for their diet, and we will do some fun art and science projects as well! Our preschool friends will also be celebrating Dr. Suess's birthday this month!

What we are working on: Our younger preschoolers are learning to be Super Friends by using kind touches, waiting for turns and being safe in the classroom. We will also be introducing a solution kit to help problem solve when we are upset, and we need some ideas to work through problems with classmates. Our older preschoolers are working on letter recognition, staying together, and following directions. For both groups this is going to help us get ready for our summer program and field trips.

ELG Learning Objectives: (SE.03) Develops foundational skills to support cooperation and prosocial behavior for younger preschool, working on taking turns and sharing with peers and developing and maintaining ongoing relationships. Our older preschoolers they begin to recognize and acknowledge the feelings, needs, and rights of others.



"Mud painting during nature class with Miss Janice!"

MEET OUR DIRECTORS



SARA RYAN
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
OF LIL' & TINY RAMS

I have worked for the Ralston Schools Foundation for 16 years! I am married and have 4 boys: Mason, Maks, Mavrick & Madden. We love to spend our free time outside! I am excited for another fun filled summer!



LORI LENDERTS
ASST. DISTRICT
DIRECTOR OF LIL' &
TINY RAMS

I have worked for the Ralston Schools Foundation for nearly 16 years. I am a proud #BOYMOM! My husband and I have 3 boys: Jayden (14), Marshall (11) and Bennett (3). I LOVE being outdoors, traveling and watching my boy's sporting events!



**MEGAN
HAZELWOOD**
SITE DIRECTOR

I have been working at Tiny Rams for many years! I was also a preschool teacher for a year at a Head Start program in Southern Missouri and I even nannied for a summer. I have my CDA and many years of training. In my free time I like to spend time with my husband and my daughter playing games!



SHANNON ELKINS
ASST. DIRECTOR &
PRESCHOOL TEACHER

I've worked in childcare for 25 yrs in centers, in home, respite care, and the school system. I have an associate degree and am currently finishing my CDA this fall. I've worked at tiny rams for 4 years. I have four children, 2 in elementary and 2 in college. I Can't wait to get to know all my new class this fall and their families.

MEET OUR TEACHERS



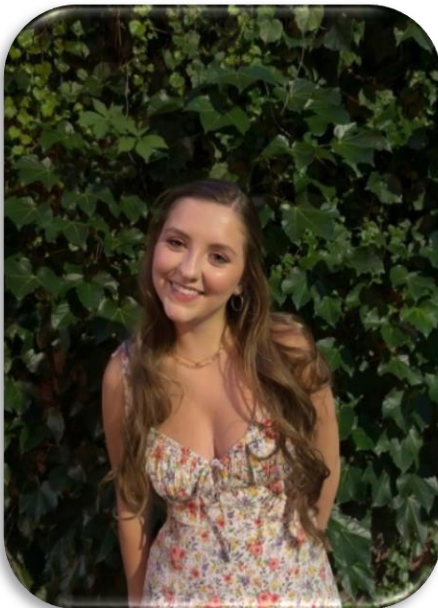
SARAH WENTZLER
LEAD INFANT TEACHER

Hi I'm Sarah! I have 2 kids, Payne and Juniper. I worked at Tiny Rams last year and left to be a stay-at-home mom. I'm so happy to be back! I enjoy working part time at a Golf Country Club and I'm super excited for summer! I can't wait to share lots of pictures and update through the ProCare app with family!



AMBER TULL
LEAD INFANT/TODDLER TEACHER

I have 7 years of experience working in childcare and I have mostly worked with toddlers. In my spare time I love to paint!



ELIZABETH HUGGINS
LEAD TODDLER TEACHER

I just started working at Tiny Rams but have 2 years of previous childcare experience. So far, I've enjoyed getting to know all the kids and watching grow & learn. My hobbies include playing with my cat, cooking & traveling!



HEATHER KREIN
PRESCHOOL TEACHER

I have worked in a childcare setting for almost 11 yrs. I also have worked as a Paraprofessional for 5yrs in the special education program. I love to read and play sand volleyball. I also enjoy going to sporting events with my husband!

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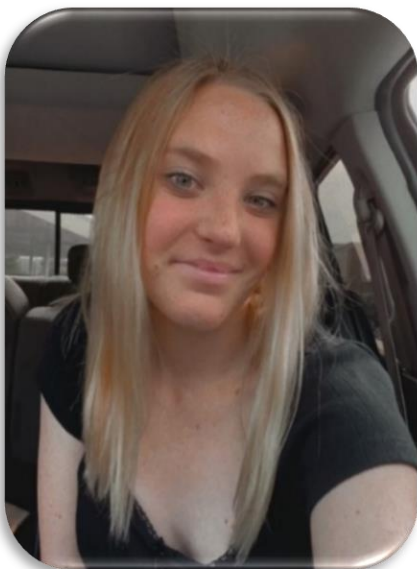
MICHELLE BARRAGAN-LOPEZ
TODDLER TEACHER

My name is Michelle. I have worked several years at both Lil' & Tiny Rams. I like spending my free time with friends, going to concerts & traveling. I can't wait to see what fun adventures we will have this year :)



DANNA AYALA
INFANT TEACHER

My name is Danna. I just started working at Tiny Rams in October. I previously worked in an Infant Montessori. My fiancé and I have a 2-year-old son. I love the quality time I get to spend with each child at Tiny Rams.



JENNIFER MASS
FLOATER

Hello, I'm Jennifer. I am a Senior at Ralston High School! I have been playing softball since 1st grade!



BROOKLYN YARBROUGH
FLOATER

Hi, my name is Brooklyn. I am a student at RHS. I have worked in childcare for about 2 years. I enjoy babysitting, I have danced my entire life and I love to travel!

BABY NEWS!

Congratulations to Miss Eris, on the arrival of her daughter!

Eris, Noah and big brother Mason welcomed Octavia Monroe on Friday, February 9th! Everyone is home and doing well!



OCTAVIA MONROE
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2-9-2024

7:45AM

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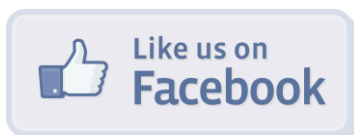
PROCARE

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NOMINATE A DESERVING STAFF MEMBER FOR THE
2024 HEART OF LEARNING AWARDS

Submit a letter recognizing a Ralston Public Schools or Ralston Schools Foundation staff member who has gone above and beyond to make an impact in the lives of students.

Send letters of nomination to ashley.nodgaard@ralstonschools.org
BY MARCH 15TH

