



After School Program April Newsletter

April Showers...

First, we would like to thank all of the families that donated toilet paper and paper towel rolls for our challenge week. It was a lot of fun for the kids to try out their designs and I think that we were all surprised to see how far they were able to send the marbles.

Now that the nice weather is coming we should be able to get back outside more often. Although it can be warm, please make sure that your child is bringing appropriate shoes and a sweatshirt, because we will be going out even when it is chilly.

To go along with this, please make sure that if your child needs any kind of emergency medication, such as Epipens, kept here that we have it.

During the month of April our challenge week will be the 16th-20th. This is going to be a project that is going to be messy. Please make sure that your child has an extra pair of clothes if they are wearing clothes to school that you do not want to risk getting stained.

It's been really nice to have so many kids staying later into the afternoons. We have been able to get more

craft time and active time in with more kids. Please remember that the program does end at 5:30 and that there is a policy that states that if you are late picking up there will be an additional charge of \$5 for every 5 minutes that you are late.

A big congratulations to Erica!! Evyn Jean was born on 4/4/12.

As always, let us know if you have any questions, ideas or concerns.

Becky

Dates to remember:

- ☺ April 4th-Red Group goes to the library
- ☺ April 11th-Blue Group goes to the library
- ☺ April 18th-Green Group goes to the library
- ☺ April 23-27th- April Vacation week. Full Day Camp every day
- ☺ April 25th- Trip to Meredith Highway Department. We will be leaving around 2 and returning around 3
- ☺ April 25th-Library visits Community Center for LEGO time
- ☺ April 26th- Trip to Jump 'n' Joy. We will be leaving around 12:30 and returning around 3:30

April Vacation Week

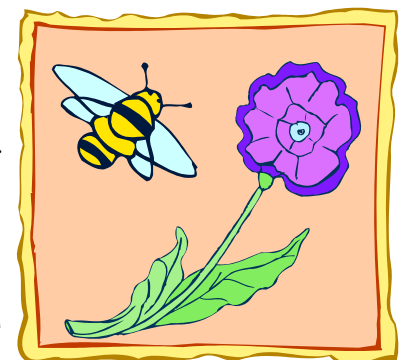
During the week of April vacation we will be going on two different field trips.

On Wednesday April 25th we will be going over to the Meredith Public Works Highway Department to have a learn about

some of the equipment and the jobs of the highway employees. The kids will also be able to get a look inside the vehicles.

On Thursday we will be going to Jump 'n' Joy in Laconia. This is a new

place full of inflatable slides and bouncy houses. This field trip does have some extra expenses so there will be a trip charge that will be coming out closer to vacation week.



Library Visits

Every group has been to the library at least once at this point. The kids have had a lot of fun walking up there and checking material out.

The library staff has asked me to remind parents and kids about the lending policy. Books may be checked out for three weeks, however DVDs may only be checked out for a week at a time. If your child takes out a movie it would be great if you could send it back the following Wednesday and the next group will return it. This can be done with any other materials that you are done with also.



So far the weather has held out and we have been able to walk up to the library. If the weather is not cooperating on any given Wednesday the kids will take the bus up.

If your child needs to be picked up before 5:15 on the Wednesday that they are going to the library please let us know and we can have them bring their stuff with them and they may be picked up there. Otherwise they will be back to the Community Center between 5:15 and 5:30.

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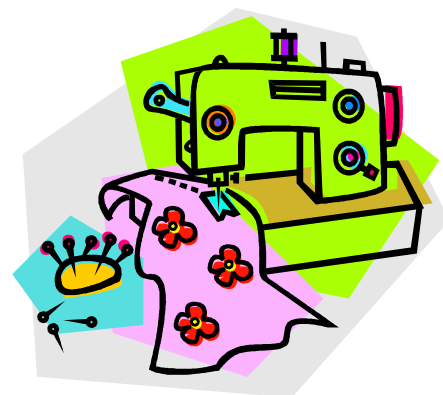
This April vacation we will be doing sewing projects again. We have had a very generous donation of fabric, so we are breaking out the sewing machines and getting down to business.

Due to the enthusiasm of the kids and the time it takes to do a good quality job we will be doing this both Monday and Tuesday.

Of course the kids may be able to start on Tuesday as well.

If you have any fabric or other materials that you would like to bring in that would be great!

If you have any questions please see Becky.



A BIG Thank You to our "older kids"

On Friday the 6th we 'locked' the kids in grades 1-3 in a meeting room while the older kids (grades 4-6) put on an amazing Easter Egg Hunt.

The older kids stuffed all of the 124 eggs themselves and hid them around the inside and outside of the building.



They then led the charge and had the younger kids find the eggs. When we had finally found all the eggs the older kids helped the younger kids in

showing them how to divide their loot evenly.

SO, thank you to the older kids. I was very impressed with the effort they put forth and how they stepped up and made it as fair and fun as they could. The little kids had a BLAST and it was very entertaining watching the kids hunting as well as the kids hinting.

