

Kountry Kids Learning Center

April 2008

Celebrate Week of the Young Child April 13 through 19!

The month of April is going to be very busy for all classrooms. We will focus our curriculum on farm animals during the first week of April. Each teacher will explain the various buildings found on the farm and explain the job of the farmer. The second week will be pet week. If your child has a pet and would like to bring a picture of his/her pet, please send it with your child.

The Week of the Young Child will be April 13 through 19. On Monday we will be making pins with your child's picture that parents can wear, and Tuesday we will decorate t-shirts. Wednesday a balloon release is scheduled at 10 a.m. in the open field across from Prairie View Village.

Everyone is invited to join us 11 a.m. Thursday for our barbecue, and a note will be sent home with your child so we can have a count for how many meals we will be serving. On Friday an ice cream social will be held in the main dining room at 2 p.m. This will include parents, elders, and neighbors.

The fourth week of April our curriculum will focus on zoo and jungle animals, and the last week of the month we will focus on ocean creatures.

Staff members will be attending the NAEYC Convention April 12 in Denver, and the classroom hours will be applied towards the 15 education hours each teacher is required to complete for continuing education.

The daycare will be closed Friday, April 25 in celebration of Santa Fe Trail Day.



Adam enjoys stencils and crayons during art time. Much of the artwork from the KKLC children decorates the hallway of BCHCC.



April Showers
Bring
May Flowers!

Spring Assessments are here!

Teachers will be completing spring assessments on each child enrolled full-time in the daycare, and parent-teacher conferences will be taking place during the next two weeks. Get together with your child's teacher to schedule a conference.

Toddlers explore animal kingdom

The toddlers had a good month in March and really enjoyed all the activities! They all had lots of fun for the Easter egg hunt, and our Easter/St. Patrick's Day party was very successful. We had lots of goodies, and we would like to once again thank all the parents who brought something in for the party.

This month we will be focusing on animals, including farm, zoo, jungle, pets, and ocean animals. We will have lots of fun activities planned to celebrate the Week of the Young Child, and we are asking all parents to bring a white t-shirt for their child to decorate during the week.

The toddlers will be learning lots of new songs about animals during April, and we will also be doing many animal art projects! We know the kids will enjoy learning about where animals live and what they eat and how they are useful to humans.

Infants to enjoy springtime temps


We had a wonderful March and are really looking forward to April! We will be able to go on more buggy rides outdoors and see how the world has changed during the winter months, so this will be an adventure for us all!

The older infants will be working on walking independently around the room, and we will also be working with them on using spoons and sippy cups. The younger infants will be working on sitting up and rolling as well as focusing on objects that are shown to them.

The entire room will be also play outdoors on the toddler playground. We may take a blanket to just sit or allow crawling on the grass to let the kids experience some different textures.

April is going to be a very busy month for us, and we are really looking forward to all the events that will take place during the month.

KKLC receives Qualistar rating

KKLC has received the long-awaited Qualistar rating. Our center has received a one-star rating  and a detailed evaluation of our program. Plans are already in place to address Qualistar improvements, and we anticipate the quality of care at the center will continue to improve.

We appreciate all the help and support from the families, and we believe strong partnerships between families and teachers will benefit the children as well as the quality of the program.

If you have questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns about the center be sure to visit with Myrna or any member of the Parent Advisory Council.

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We collect cell phones and printer cartridges throughout the year to put towards our fundraising efforts. Any used cell phone or printer cartridge will do, and collecting them from your employment helps us greatly! Turn any of these items in to a teacher.

Earth Day is April 22, and we look forward to collecting as many cell phones and printer cartridges as possible! Thank you for helping us and recycling for Earth Day!

Preschoolers “shape” up

Concepts the preschool children will be focusing on in April include shapes. The students will learn that a triangle has three sides, a square has four equal sides, and will learn about circles and other shapes.

To contribute to their sensory experiences, we will use the water table in the classroom and will also blow bubbles outside when the weather is nice. Self-help activities include various concepts at the children’s different developmental levels.

Happy birthday to our April birthday kids Justin and Carmen!



Parent Advisory Council Formed

A Parent Advisory Council has been formed for KKLC to support the staff, make suggestions, help with fundraisers, and be an advocate to the community. Current council members include Clarice Ratzlaff, Addie Wallace, Stephanie Murphy, and Katie Decker.

To be involved with the Parent Advisory Council, contact Myrna at 456-1254



April Celebrations

National Kite Month
National Poetry Month

April 14 - 18 - National Library Week & Week of the Young Child

April 21-25 - Sky Awareness Week

1 - April Fool’s Day

2 - International Children’s Book Day

13 - International Plant Appreciation Day

16 - National Wear your Pajamas to Work Day

22 - Earth Day & National Jelly Bean Day

25 - National Arbor Day

29 - National Dance Day & Zipper’s Birthday

April Music



I'm a Little Watering Can

Tune: "I'm A Little Teapot"

I'm a little watering can
Tall and thin.
To fill me up,
Just pour the water in.
Then you tip me over
And the water sprinkles out.
"Thanks for the drink,"
The flowers all shout!

Jean Warren

Pitter-Patter

Pitter-patter falls the rain,
On the roof and windowpane.
Softly, softly it comes down
Pitter-patter all around.

Adapted Traditional



Raindrops

This is the sun high in the sky.
Here comes a dark cloud sailing by.
These are the raindrops, pitter-pattering down.
They water the flowers that grow in the
ground.

Adapted Traditional

Once There Was a Litter Bug

Tune: "Eensy Weensy Spider"

Once there was a Litter Bug
Who went from town to town,
Throwing out garbage,
That landed on the ground.
The garbage grew so high
That when he turned around,
The Litter Bug got buried
And he was never found!

Jean Warren



Two Little Blue Birds

Two little blue birds
Up in a tree
Built a nest
For all to see.

Along came the babies,
One, two, three.
Now they're all
A happy family!
Jean Warren



Fun Kitchen Art

Kitchens provide wonderful materials for creative projects for preschoolers, or children of any age! Flour for play dough, paper plates for puppets, and muffin cup liners for spring flowers are a few of the many supplies found in almost every kitchen!

Paper Flowers:

Give each of your children two paper baking cups and a sheet of paper. Have them smash their cups flat and glue them on the paper. Next, give each child two more baking cups (don't flatten) to glue to the top of the flattened ones. The flowers will resemble daffodils! To finish off the flowers, let your children use green crayons or markers to draw on grass, stems, and leaves.

Pudding Paint:

Make a batch of pudding. Give each of your children a spoonful of pudding on a large sheet of paper. After washing their hands, let them pretend the pudding is fingerpaint and spread it all over the paper. Children enjoy this immensely, and the love licking their fingers when they are through!