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*A Newsletter for Families*  
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## Happy Spring!

We have many exciting and fun activities coming up this month 😊

- NAEYC Week of the Young Child will be April 3rd – 7th. This week will be filled with week-long activities including music Monday, tasty Tuesday, work together Wednesday, artsy Thursday, and family Friday. The Week of the Young child is a special way for us to celebrate early learners.
- Legacy Academy Simpsonville is NOW registering for Kindergarten for the 2023 – 2024 school year. We are also still enrolling for the 2023 Summer Camp for school-aged students. Please call (864) 757-9951 for more information or to set up a time for a tour.
- Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, each classroom will be having an easter party after nap time. There will be a sign-up sheet for parents to bring in special goodies.
- Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual EASTER EGG HUNT. This event will kick off the start of Easter weekend! The hunt will be held outdoors & families are welcome to come during their child’s scheduled time. Get excited for a great time!
- As we begin to have warmer weather, please make sure to check your child’s cubby for weather – appropriate changes of clothes. Also, if you would like you would like us to apply your child’s sunscreen. Please see the front for an authorization form.

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### Let’s Celebrate

**Easter**  
Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

**NAEYC Week of the Young Child**  
April 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>

**Earth Day**  
Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

## April Class Themes of the Month



### **Dreamers ~ Theme: You Are My Sunshine**

Our babies learn all about sunshine as we create an outdoor classroom loaded with the fresh air our babies love. We'll sing sunny nursery rhymes and loads of songs to delight everyone. What if we had sun flakes? Would they feel like snowflakes? Could we watch them? We will investigate this wondrous idea with the littlest ones in our center and s-t-r-e-t-c-h our imaginations!



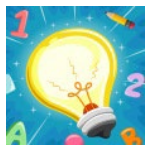
### **Travelers ~ Theme: Puddle Jumpers**

Your little traveler will be jumping puddles, dancing the Bunny Pokey, and playing Ring Around the Rosie. We'll ask questions such as, "What is a pond and how is a pond like a puddle?" Your toddler will delight in the differences that each day brings. The children will also have a spring parade, complete with parade signs and riding toys.



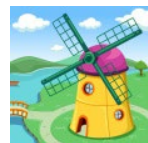
### **Adventurers ~ Theme: Rain, Rain, Go Away**

The children will create their own weather graphs and will enjoy using stickers and easy-to-grasp stamps. This time of year, we tend to see some children ready to move away from primary caregiving groups and begin working more independently. Your toddler is growing stronger every day, in every way, through play.



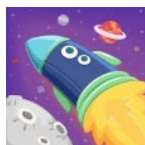
### **Discoverers ~ Theme: Rainbows, Robins, and Rhymes**

Your child will enjoy participating in a variety of rainbow activities while learning how they are formed. As always, we'll read, recite, act, draw, paint, color, and have fun!



### **Voyagers ~ Theme: Weather, Wonder, and Things Down Under**

Your little one will plan a trip to Australia, complete with an airplane ride, travel agency, and baggage check-in. Throughout the month, we will learn about weather, Spring, and growing activities. Rhymes, finger plays, poems, and songs will round out the month of April.



### **Explorers ~ Theme: Wild! Wild! Weather**

Beautiful Numbers, Keep America Beautiful posters, and Wicked Weather Wonder are but a few of the exciting activities we'll be completing during the month of April. In addition, there will be garden journals, fun games, and weather research. It will be a real learning experience with activities that support in all kinds of delightful ways.

## April

## Dreamers



**Math-** This month children will dive into differentiating between big and small and learning all about the color yellow!

**Science-** Dreamers will learn about sunshine as they are exposed to images and spend time outside. They will also learn about rain as we participate in sensory play with water.

**Social Studies-** April's Social Studies Enhanced Learning lessons will focus on being gentle with our friends and recognizing ourselves in pictures.

## Travelers



**Math-** This month the Jr. Toddlers enhanced math lessons will center around differentiating colors and exposure to patterns.

**Science-** Toddlers will experience the scientific concept of motion as they jump through a science lesson and they will also learn all about flowers.

**Social Studies-** Travelers will get to experience shopping, working at the store, and working together as a class team to make a rainbow.

## Adventurers

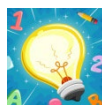


**Math-** Adventurers will sing math songs and read books about counting and shapes. The children will also work on the mathematical concept of more and less.

**Science-** Sr. Toddlers will learn all about rain and snow this month. They will also gain a foundational understanding of precipitation.

**Social Studies-** Adventurers will learn all about pilots and get a chance to participate in a pretend play scenario where they will get to pilot the class plane! They will also learn about community playgrounds.

## Discoverers

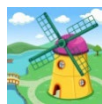


**Math-** Discoverers will continue to practice recognizing patterns and ordering images from small to large.

**Science-** 3-year olds will learn all about the science behind clouds and rainbows.

**Social Studies-** This month, Discoverers will learn about military bases and who lives on those bases. They will also learn about forests.

## Voyagers



**Math-** Our math lessons will include opportunities and materials to help students understand numbers and their relationship to object quantities and symbols.

**Science-** 4-year olds will learn all about thunderstorms and hurricanes. They will learn how each form and what weather precedes both.

**Social Studies-** This month, Voyagers will learn about and participate in trade. They will also learn about the Prime Meridian.



## The Week of the Young Child

April 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 60,000 members and a network of 50 local, state, and regional affiliates. This week spotlights early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities.

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child™ in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child™ is a time to plan how we—as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation—will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

NAEYC is asking the early education community to *Step It Up* during this year's annual Week of the Young Child. Talk to your child's teachers or your center's management team to find out what they are planning for NAEYC's Week of the Young Child!

### *Daily Themes:*

**April 1 - Kick-off Saturday**

**April 3 - Music Monday**

**April 4 - Tasty Tuesday**

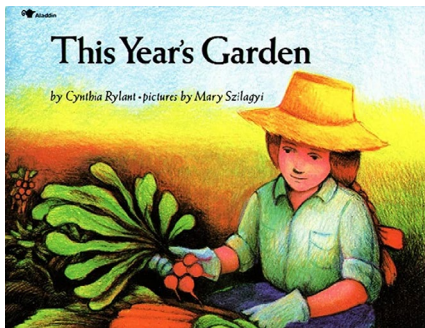
**April 5 - Work Together Wednesday**

**April 6 - Artsy Thursday**

**April 7 - Family Friday**

Visit <http://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc> for more information and activities.

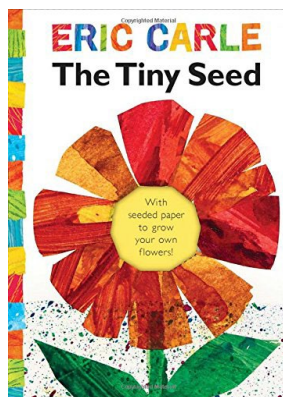
## April Books



**This Year's Garden**  
By: Cynthia Rylant



**Our Big Home**  
By: Linda Glaser



**The Tiny Seed**  
By: Eric Carle

## Earth Day Activities



Our planet is a beautiful place, but it needs our help to thrive! That's why every year on April 22, more than a billion people celebrate Earth Day by taking part in activities like picking up litter and planting trees! Below are some things you can do and books you can read at home.

### Books:

- I Can Save the Earth by Allison Inches
- What a Waste by Jess French
- What if Everyone Did That? Ellen Javernick

### Activities to do at home:

- Go for a nature walk.
- Start a recycling bin at home to encourage children to recycle items.
- Enjoy a family bike ride.
- Participate in a neighborhood clean-up.

### Fun Fact:

Did you know a plastic bottle can take over 450 years to break down in a landfill? Before throwing something away, think about whether it can be recycled or repurposed.

Information taken from National Geographic Kids.