



The Village News Spring 2014

The University
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NAEYC—The Big Day!

Well, it's hard to believe, since we've been waiting and preparing for it for so long, but we are finally in our NAEYC "window" - meaning that we will have our NAEYC validation visit sometime between now and the end of March.

I'm sure you've heard us talk about our NAEYC accreditation. This is a national accreditation sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. It involves a vigorous self-study and self-improvement process that we have been working on for over a year, culminating in this visit to renew our NAEYC accreditation. This takes place once every five years.

The staff have worked hard on classroom improvement, planning, classroom portfolios, and more. We hope that you have noticed the improvements in your child's classroom and learn-

ing activities.

We are truly excited about renewing our NAEYC accreditation. Research shows positive outcomes for children stemming from the standards that NAEYC represents.

According to the article "Making the Case For Supporting NAEYC Accreditation":

"NAEYC-accredited centers have been found to be of higher quality on many dimensions, both structural and relational:

- Employ staffs with more formal education and specialized early childhood training
- Provide a more developmentally appropriate environment with age-appropriate and child-initiated activities
- Develop a physical environment that is child-centered and designed to promote learning
- Have teaching staff that interact more sensitive and less harshly with children
- Establish better communica-

tion among staff

- Meet higher standards with regard to health, nutrition, and safety
- Have better relations with parents"

From:
http://www.naeyc.org/selfstudy/pdf_other/QNY_Research_Brief_NAEYC_Accreditation.pdf Accessed 3/10/09

Thank you for your support through this process, and
WISH US LUCK!!!

Congratulations!

The following teachers have anniversaries this spring:

- Ana—Mar 1—9 years
- Claudia—Mar 8—9 years
- Heather—Mar 18—1 year
- Latee—Mar 28—9 years
- Kapila—Apr 1—27 years
- Sandy—May 3—4 years
- Nicole—May 17—1 year
- Charles—May 20—1 year
- Carina—May 20—9 years
- Krishonda—May 28—7 years
- Tabatha—May 30—6 years

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Special points of interest:

- ☉ NAEYC Validation Visit
- ☉ Birthdays
- ☉ Anniversaries
- ☉ Upcoming Events
- ☉ Week of the Young Child
- ☉ What We've Been Doing!



BIRTHDAYS:

- March 3—Ms. Shirley
 - March 6—Ms Amy
 - March 11—Ms. Sam
 - March 15—Ms. Claudia
 - April 6—Ms. Meg
 - April 14—Ms. Krishonda
 - May 4—Ms. Miriam
 - May 13—Ms. Ellie
 - May 14—Mr. Charles
 - May 18—Ms. Tracey
 - May 24—Ms. Houria
 - May 24—Ms. Angie
 - May 25—Ms. Mary
 - May 27—Ms. Tabatha
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**



Scholastic Book Fair



We will be sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair during the week of April 7th. You may purchase quality children's books directly from the fair. The center receives up to a 60% (of sales) bonus in books for the classrooms by doing the fair. Also look for classroom Wish Lists, where you may purchase and donate books that the teachers have requested for their rooms.

Did you know?

Our center can make referrals for professional screenings and assessments of children who may need services to help them with developmental, behavioral, or speech/language needs. You may request a referral if you have concerns about your child in any of these areas. You may ask your child's classroom teacher, or the Center Director for more information. In most instances, the screenings are done free of charge.

REMINDER:

PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD TO WASH THEIR HANDS WHEN ENTERING THE CLASSROOM EVERY DAY

Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember

- April 6th–12th —Week of the Young Child
- Week of April 7th—Scholastic Book Fair
- April 14th & 15th —Picture Days
- April 18th—Center Closed—Spring Break
- May 14th—Graduate and Group Photos



Spring

The Week of the Young Child



The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). 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. The 2014 Week of the Young Child™ is **April 6-12**. We will have a variety of family events and special activities that celebrate children, families and teachers. Look for more information about those events coming up soon.

New Quarterly Themes

In conjunction with the Creative Curriculum, we use center-wide quarterly thematic units to enhance our program of activities. These broad topics provide a framework for activity planning. The themes and timeframes are very flexible, so that teachers can branch off into areas of learning that are of special interest to the children in their groups. Books and special materials enhance the thematic units.

Themes for March—April—May are:

Spring Themes

Plants/Flowers, Gardening

Insects and Bugs

Birds

Pets

Dinosaurs



Say Cheese!!



Fall portraits of the children will be taken on
April 14th & 15th

Mon- Infants, Tods & Siblings
Tues-Twos & Preschool



SPECIALS SCHEDULE

Monday: Spanish/Chinese

Tuesday: Music

Wednesday: Art with Evan

Thursday: Yoga

Friday: Kids in Motion

