



# FOOTSTEPS@CITY CENTER PLAZA APRIL 2017 - NEWSLETTER VOL. 30



## CALENDAR –APRIL & MAY

### Site Council Meeting

Thursday, 4/20 7:15 AM

### Family Movie Night - MOANA

Hosted by Footsteps Interact Club

Friday, 4/28 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Footsteps@Shores 225 Shearwater Parkway

### Memorial Day

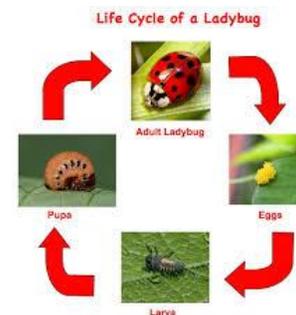
All Preschools Programs Closed

Monday, 5/29

## THIS MONTH NEWS!

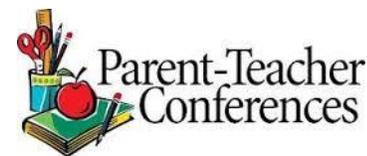
Children will explore the wonderful wonders of the 'spring' season. We will participate in hands-on exploration of the life cycle of bugs like earthworms, ladybugs, and plants.

Students will work on different open-ended art project while using various art materials. We'll continue to practice daily routines and life skills, independence, problem solving and sharing tactics.



## UPCOMING SITE EVENTS

Please sign up for a teacher-parent conference, signups are by the sign-in/out binder. Let us know if you need another time. It is in your child's we meet twice a year. We are excited to collaboratively work with you to encourage school readiness efforts.



## SHARE DAY/THEMES

Children can bring to school a non-violent toy to share during circle time on Wednesdays. Please place toys in the share box upon arrival.

## STAFF UPDATES

Holly V. will volunteer once or twice a week in the mornings. She is a student at Canada College.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

The students creatively worked on art projects with Ms. Stephany and Ms. Martha (i.e. clown face, clown hat, shamrock art, and elephant handprint art). Children enjoyed tracing their names with Ms. Clara and learning about the letters of the week.



## LAST MONTH'S CLASSROOM NEWS

The Flanigan-Hadnagy family donated more sandbox toys. Pablo Campos's family donated various art supplies and a field trip guided walk rope.

The following families donated items for our International Foods fundraiser basket for the annual fundraiser: Patino, Santillan, and Pablo Campos family, thank you. Lara family provided popusas for staff during lunchtime, thank you.

## ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



Students liked decorating the letter of the week and phonics activities, during circle time. Children indulged in different fruits while creating rainbow color scheme as a snack (i.e. watermelon, raspberries, mandarins, mango, kiwis, and grapes). Children were fascinated when mixing primary colors with the teachers using droppers and food coloring.

Outdoors the children used their five senses while eating snack, garden play (making mud and searching for ladybugs), and classroom chair wash.

## SPECIALIST SCHEDULE/HIGHLIGHTS

Students enjoyed marching around with Li while singing songs in Mandarin. Children had fun mixing primary colors while using model magic with Janette. Children learned to relay race with hula-hoops and dodge balls with Adrian during P.E.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

The students tried new fruits: mangos, raspberries, and purple grapes.



## WISH LISTS

Rain Coat/Umbrella Rack  
Art Supplies

Outdoor Toys

Dramatic Play Clothes

Garden Tools

## SITE COUNCIL NOTES

If you'd like to join the Site Council, we meet on-site; our next meeting is Thursday 4/20, 7:15 AM. Please speak to Graciela if you are interested in joining the Site Council.



## RAISING A READERS

Raising a Reader books are sent home every Monday, except holiday Mondays, and we expect the book bags back on Thursdays.

Also, VPK activities will be provided the first week of the month.

## REMINDERS

- Dress your children accordingly given the warm, cold, rainy, & windy weather.
- Please apply sunscreen before coming to school and teachers will reapply in the afternoon.
- If your child visits the doctor's office bring a doctor's note the next day of attendance **stating specifically** that the child is **not contagious**.
- We want children to feel comfortable to participate in all activities offered, so please dress your child accordingly. The following **footwear is not allowed**: Flip Flops, Crocs/Croc-type shoes, or Sandals without straps at the back of the foot.
- Toys should not be brought to school as they are a distraction for everyone, and risk to being lost or broken, only okay on Wednesday for Share Day.

- On Wednesday **Share Day**, if a toy is to be shared, it goes into the Share Box upon arrival and is picked up from the Share Box upon departure.
- One stuffed animal is okay for rest or naptime.
- Please make sure to check your child's cubby DAILY for dirty clothes and avoid over filling your child's cubby with their belongings; children cannot find their essentials throughout the day.
- Please take naptime items home on Fridays to launder and return Monday.
- Teachers will continue to provide paper so parent(s)/family members can write a note every morning as words of encouragement and reminding your child how much you love them. Place the note in the box by the sign in/out binder.
- **Scholastics Book** By purchasing books for your child you allow our school to earn points to buy books for the classroom  
**Book Orders due Last Thursday of the Month.**

