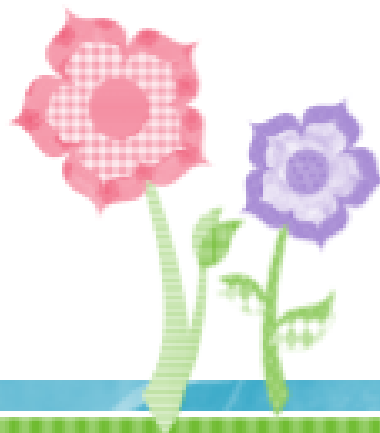




WEE Center

April 2024

Newsletter



Woodbrook Early Education

A ministry of Woodbrook Baptist Church

We are starting our last quarter of the school year. That is so hard to believe. The children are definitely learning, growing and sharing so much of what they know. They are making connections to things we have learned previously to things that are currently happening which means they really have grasped the ideas. We love watching the “light bulb” moments when things really click for the children.

We talk a lot with the children about being helpers in their classroom and in their world. We want our children to know that each are an important part of how their classroom, family, community, etc. work. We practice this by making sure children help in clean up time after centers, help teachers with classroom jobs, help friends when they are struggling and many other ways. We talk about everyone working as a team to accomplish different goals and then celebrate or praise them as a group as well.

Earth Day is April 22 this year. This is a wonderful opportunity to do something as a family to help our Earth. It could be as simple as walking around your neighborhood picking up trash that is lying around. (Please make sure to use plastic gloves or use a “grabber” to keep yourself and your child safe.)



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EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

You could plant some flowers or vegetables in your yard. If it is not warm enough yet, start seedlings inside. Another fun idea is to let your child create things out of recyclable materials. There are also some great books about helping our Earth:

We Are All Connected: Caring For Each Other & The Earth by Gabi Garcia

Earth Ninja: A Children's Book About Recycling, Reducing and Reusing by Mary Nhin

Earth Day, Every Day by Lisa Bullard

The Earth Book by Todd Parr

10 Things I Can Do To Help My World by Melanie Walsh

This Class Can Save The Planet by Stacy Tornio

Compost Stew: An A To Z Recipe For The Earth by Mary McKenna Siddals

This Is Our World by Emily Sollinger

Spring is such a wonderful time to spend time outside. I encourage you to take advantage of the nice days and spend time as a family outside, take walks, have picnics, go to the playground, and spend as much screen free time as you can. Your children will gain so much from both the time with you as well as the time soaking up some vitamin D.

With love,

Ms. Angela



Art Show Night!

On the evening of Friday, April 19th we will be having our WEE Center Art Gallery available for you to visit. Your children have been working hard all year and the teachers have been putting away some of their art work for the Art Show! That evening the WEE Center Art Gallery will be open in the Fellowship Hall.

We will also be raffling off classroom chairs created by the children and based on a book loved by that class.

(You do not need to be present to win).

Afterwards, Kona Ice will be available in the courtyard for you to enjoy outside or on the way home.

During the Art Show we will have a Book Fair in our playroom! The books will be on display starting Monday, April 15th. Please come check it out at any time! There will a box for you to put books on hold or leave payment in. All purchases will support the purchase of new books for the WEE School.



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Can you help us find a new home?

These two adorable cats are looking for their forever home.

They've been together since they were rescued in 2017.

Unfortunately, where they live now is no longer feasible due to allergies. They are lovely, friendly, animals who would be wonderful additions to any home.



Pitta



Kapha



RED Room

Here we are three quarters of the way through the school year! Such a great thing to admit, that while the children are rapidly growing and learning, we as teachers get to grow and learn right along side them!

We have been learning all about the beauty and wonders that spring has to offer, the grass begins to “green up”, the flowers come back up from the ground, and on all the trees, the birds are singing again, and finally, the weather begins to warm up again. And we certainly must talk about Easter, and Jesus, and how much he loves us! We have been creating beautiful spring picture and just about every way you can imagine, flower pictures! The spring art they create helps to fine tune their gluing skills, along with their fine motor skills. With warmer temperatures, it means more outside time, which helps to build their large motor skills.

In April we will be exploring Transportation, Earth Day, Pond and Dinosaurs. We will continue to recognize our names (most of the children have this down!), counting skills, and shape recognition. We will also be having our Art show on April 19th, Which is always a fun time!. Please Keep this date open so you can Attend this special event.



Love, Ms. Karen, Miss Michelle, Ms. Sharon
and Ms. Aleia

YELLOW Room

Where did March go?!?! We had so much fun with our Easter party and egg hunt! We even had a visit from the Easter Bunny! We are going to be very busy in April! We will be taking nature walks, making forsythia branches, painting cupcake tin flowers, tissue paper flowers, and much more! We will continue to work on cutting with scissors and number and letter recognition. In April we will be learning about community helpers, transportation, and pond life. The skills we will work this month are positional words, sequencing, and one-to-one correspondence.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Annual Art Show on Friday, April 19th! More information will be coming to you soon!

Happy Birthday to Ms. Judi on 4/18!

Love, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Bev, Ms. Bess, and Ms. Judi



Blue Room

Happy Spring from the Blue Room! We enjoyed the month of March a lot! We loved our pizza party, leprechaun hunting, and building traps for the leprechauns! We also had so much fun with our Easter Party and egg hunt! This month's themes are Spring, Insects/Bugs, and Eric Carle. We will be learning about story sequencing, and reviewing patterns, rhyming, and shapes, as well as taking nature walks. We will also be working on first and last names spelling and recognition. We will review letters A-T and continue on with our alphabet and continue practicing our cutting skills. We will also be working on numbers 11-20 (recognition).

At home you can reinforce the skills the children are learning by making shopping lists together and then having them find the letters at the store. You can always practice counting the items and reading the aisle numbers. For more letter identification practice you can get a magnifying glass and have your child look through the newspaper or a magazine to find the letters in their name. Have them highlight the letters they find. To help build fine motor skills and strength have your children play with playdough and even have them use laydough scissors to cut the playdough. They can also use children's scissors to cut thicker materials such as cereal boxes.

We are so excited for the Art Show on the 19th and hope you all can join us!

Love, Ms. Dominique, Ms. Angela, Ms. Ellie, & Ms. Celina





Green Room



Hello Green Room Families, Thank you for contributing to the Easter Party! The children always enjoy the food and fun. Thank you to the parents who helped hiding eggs too. We hope you all enjoyed a healthy and fun Easter break. The Green Room friends really enjoyed learning the Easter Story from the Bible.

On Friday, April 19th the WEE Center will be hosting our annual Art Show, Chair Raffle, and Book Fair. There will be tasty treats available for purchase as well. We hope you can join us!

- The Green Room friends will be learning about the following themes in April: The Plant Cycle, Gardens, and Earth Day, Baby Animals and the Types of Animals: mammals, amphibians, reptiles and birds, and Eric Carle Books.

SKILLS that we will work on: We will learn sight words using Readers and we will practice writing letters and numbers. We will review upper and lower case letters and their sounds. We will focus on basic sentence structure. We will spend more time on reading comprehension by recalling story events, identifying the characters, and making predictions.

For math, we will focus on two digit numbers and how we see them on ten frames. We will also use math sets to understand "more and less", and "equal". And, we will continue to work on simple addition. Thank you so much for your support! We love teaching your children.



Happy April Birthday to Brooklyn!

May God Bless You All,
Ms. Betsy, Ms. Carol, and Ms. Dawn



Purple Room



Happy April/Happy Spring Purple Room Families,

Spring has finally arrived, and we're hopeful that warmer temperatures are going to be here to stay permanently! During April we will be learning about the letters Rr, Ss, Uu, and Jj. Math skills will be reviewing the ABBC pattern, moving forward with our ABCC pattern, and improving counting by 5's, and a bit more practice with skip counting (counting by 2's). We will also be comparing tall/short, long/short, and take a look at 3D shapes.

Our themed units in April will include Spring, Earth Day, Reduce/Reuse/Recycle, and perhaps the beginning of the Space unit. We will begin the month using the same prayers and patriotic song we did in March, but may change up about ½ way through the month. The door tags will remain home addresses, but will no longer have names on the back. Please review this information with your child and show them your house numbers on your home and point out your street sign as well. This will help bring relevance to him/her.

We hope to carve some time into our day to begin enjoying reading aloud a chapter book. Homework will continue coming home on Wednesdays (return by Monday), and our reading booklets will begin in April as well. These are for exposure to both sight words and words used often in stories/books.

Our WEE art show and chair raffle is on Friday, 4/19 from 6-7:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Finally, we hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break and are feeling renewed and ready to embark on our last chunk of the school year (unbelievable). We are looking forward to spending the next few months with your kiddos!

Happy April Birthday to Elijah on 4/6!

Sincerely,

Ms. Stacie and Mr. Nate



Music

The weather keeps changing but we are celebrating Spring in Music. In April we sing about the month and the holidays in that month. We also enjoy singing about animals. Some of our songs include rhyming, counting, and sequencing. The children love to move with ribbons, march with flags, and play instruments. In the Pre-K classes we are beginning to learn songs that they will share with you at their graduation.

Love, Ms. Claire

Art

In April the 2s and 3s will be learning about artist Paul Klee and Alexander Calder. They will also making some springtime art. Pre K will be learning about artists Salvador Dali and Dale Chihuly and making sculptures and murals.

I am so excited to see everyone at the art show on April 19th. Making art with your children has been such a joy and I can't wait for you to see their amazing creations!

Love, Ms. Carol

Science

Happy Easter! My Dad always used to say: "Spring has sprung; the grass has riz; I wonder where them birdies is?" It always made us laugh because my dad loved all kinds of weather but his real love was birds!

In Science we will be looking at Spring and what lets us know it is spring. We will make seed balls for you and your family to plant and watch grow. We will have a visitor who I help us become rock hounds. We will learn about different types of rocks we might find on spring walks. We will watch a flower bloom and so much more! Spring is a great time of year to reflect on how much things grow and change Your children have grown so much physically but also in then thinking, their conversations, and their joy in friendships! It is my pleasure to be able to share in the growth! Science Rocks!

Love, Ms. Dawn

BOX TOPS

Please continue to save your box tops receipts. You can download the Box Tops app on your Smart Phone and choose Woodbrook Early Education Center as the school. This is an easy way to help raise money for the WEE Center.



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AND SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS



A special request: if you have any extra greeting cards and envelopes you would like to donate to the WEE School we would love to have them! The children enjoy writing letters to each other.

Thank you!

Dates to Remember

Friday, April 19th

WEE Center Art Show, Book Fair & Sweet Treat

Looking Ahead.....

Tuesday, May 2nd
and Friday, May 3rd

Class & Individual Pictures

Friday, May 10th

WEE Closed-Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday, May 27th

WEE Closed Memorial Day

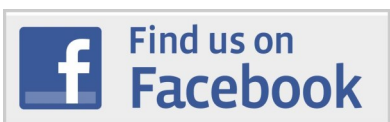
Also in May

St. Jude Trike-A-Thon (more information to come)

Friday, June 14th

WEE Closes 12 Noon. Last day of School

Pre-K Graduation at 11:00 am.



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