

# April 2016 Newsletter

**Director: Andrea Doney**  
**Assistant Director: Marjie Randall**  
**Front Desk: Kristina Privitera**  
**Tracy Wolowski**

Spring Issue, Volume 2

## Inside this issue:

Front Desk News	2
Snuggle Bunny News	2
Tiger Cubs News	3
Fuzzy Duck News	3
Bouncy Bear News	3
Kangaroo News	4
Panther News	4
Menus - attached	

## Mothering Heights

By Penny Haakinson

**STRONG-WILLED CHILDREN BECOME ADULTS WHO CHANGE THE WORLD AS LONG AS WE CAN HANG ON FOR THE RIDE AND RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO "TAME" THE SPIRIT OUT OF THEM.**

I have been a teacher, coach, and administer of children's programs since 1974. (Please don't do the math!) There isn't too much in the field of education that I haven't seen or experienced. I have listened to so many parents as they try to navigate the rough terrain we all call "parenting", and offered advice or shared my own experiences when I thought it could make a difference. No matter your education or previous experience no two children are alike and there is no guarantee that a strategy used with one child will have the same effect in the same situation with another child.

Even with all this experience I was reminded this weekend while I was visiting my daughter and her three children that no matter how much experience I have my daughter will look at me as though I don't know what I'm talking about. So after I made a suggestion that she was giving her 4 year old's crying too much attention, I received the above quote on my return home. Since I have a great sense of humor and I really believe that my daughter is a terrific Mom, I will use the opportunity to pass it on to you.

I really agree with what the quote is saying, as I too, believe that we should honor a child's creativity, thinking and actions if at all possible. It can be all too easy to push our ideas and power on a child just because we are bigger, have to adhere to a schedule, or just don't want to take the time to let the child try to do something their way. But if in the course of our parenting we honor the child by listening and giving them space to let us know what types of activities make them happy and let their creativity blossom, we are doing a good job.

The above quote is written by a lady named Sarah Stogryn, who had an education degree and had been a doula for 7 years before having her first child. She thought that things were going to be easy because of her past knowledge and experience. She soon found that she was blessed with what would be known as the "spirited child" in the field of education. Parenting this child was tough for both Sarah and her husband, but they didn't give up. They read books, took advice from professionals and tried to remain strong in the face of honoring this very tough child. Her story should be an inspiration to all of us even though most of our children are not as tough as her young child. I encourage you to go to [www.sarahstogryn.com/blog/raising-our-wild-child](http://www.sarahstogryn.com/blog/raising-our-wild-child) and read this story in its entirety. It's a wonderful example of hanging on for the ride, knowing that the world is indeed changed by these strong-willed children.

## April Themes

- April 4-8  
Down on the Farm
- April 11-15  
Space the Final Frontier
- April 18-22  
Our Environment
- April 25-29  
Welcome to Our Garden

## Front Desk News

### Kindergarten Registration

For all of you with little ones who will be attending public Kindergarten next school year, April and May are the months to register your child. Children must be age 5 by August 31st. You must show verification of birth date (birth certificate) and current immunization record. We also need an updated immunization record as well.

### Spring Pictures

It's time for Spring pictures with baby bunnies! Friday, April 1st from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. If your have a school-ager and would like to get pictures, come early and we will try to get you in.

### Flip Flops

As the weather gets nicer outside we began to pull out our summer clothing. A friend-

ly reminder, flip flops and sandals without a back strap are not allowed here at Children's Village. Thank you for your continuous help with this!

### Jackets

If your child comes in with a jacket, we ask that you please, put them on their hook. Snuggle Bunnies and Tiger Cubs have hooks inside their classroom and the rest have hooks outside the classroom. If your child comes and has breakfast in our Fuzzy Duck room, we ask you please take the time and put their coat on their hook before leaving for the day. Our Fuzzy Duck teachers are finding coats in their classroom that they have no idea who they belong to. Don't forget to put their name on it!

### Clothes/Labeling

We have been having a problem with clothes going missing and/

or going home with the wrong child. Please, label your child's clothing. A lot of children have the same clothes, and we do our best to keep them with the right child, but sometimes we do get things mixed up. To ensure your child get their clothes back we ask that you label them with their name or initials. This helps us in making sure the right clothes go on after swimming, and/or when they have an accident and need to be changed. Also, please make sure your child (infant thru preschool) has one change of clothes here at all times (more if potty training). We do not have a big supply of extra clothes on hand. We also ask if you find C.V. labeled clothes at home, to return them to us as our supply is running low!



## Snuggle Bunny News

Happy Easter to all! April is going to be a great month.

The color of the month is red and the shape of the month is the rectangle. .

We will be working on saying some new words this month they are "flowers", "rain", "rainbow", "red" and "rectangle".

This month we will be working

on some fine motor skills, such as stacking blocks on top of each other. We will also be working on keeping our shoes on!

A big thank you to all the parents who brought items for our Easter Party. We had a lot of fun eating yummy food, hunting for Easter eggs and meeting the Easter bunny! There will be pictures of this

fun day put up in the hallway later this month! It was a big success!

Have a great month!

~Miss Wendy &  
Miss Simona

## Tiger Cub News

Happy April! Hopefully we will get to see more sun this month! The colors for this month are red and black. The shape we will be learning about is the rectangle.

Our vocabulary words we will be working on saying are "spring", "red", "black" and

"rectangle".

Our goal this month is to work on using our words instead of our hands or feet. We are also working on sitting on our bottom when at the lunch/snack table.

We are always working on mastering using the potty too!

A big thank you to all who brought items for our Easter Party it was a huge success.

Have a great month.

~Miss Simona &  
Miss Adai

## Fuzzy Duck News

Wishing you all a happy spring! It is nice to see the flowers beginning to bloom.

The letters for this month are "E", "F", "G" and "H".

The colors of the month are red, black, blue and green. Along with colors we will also be learning about the shapes, pentagon, star, rectangle and crescent. The numbers of the month are 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The words we will be working

on saying are "farm", "outer space", "garden", "earth" and "planets". Our goal this month is to work on making our own beds for nap time and then putting away our cubbies after nap. We will also be working on raising our hand during circle time.

A big thank you to all those who helped out and brought items for our Easter party. We loved hunting for eggs and we got a special surprise from the

Easter bunny! The pictures from this fun day will be posted later this month in the hallway.

Have a wonderful month of April!

~Miss Rachel,  
Miss Ashley &  
Miss Sara

## Bouncy Bear News

Can you believe that it is already April? Where has the time gone?

Thank you to all of our families that brought in goodies for our Easter party. We had a fantastic time!

Our letter and phonic focus will be on B, C, E and A. The shapes we will be learning about are the pentagon, star, rectangle and crescent.

Bouncy Bears are in charge of the hall decorations between the boys and girls restroom this month. Be sure to stop by

and check it out, we have been working hard on it!

Please ask your child to use the rest room before you bring them to class. Several children ask to go potty right after they are dropped off. We can not send children to the restroom unattended, which then means one of two things happens.

1. The entire class must stop what they are doing and go wait in the hall.
2. Your child has to wait for another staff member to become available for them.

This is especially troublesome in the mornings, as we have many school age children coming and going to school and the hall becomes quite chaotic. Thank you in advance for your help with this issue.

We are looking forward to an exciting April filled with lots of learning and fun adventures for your Bouncy Bear.

~Miss Lisa,  
Miss Conni and  
Miss Marilynn

## Kangaroo News

Happy April to all. This year is just really flying by. It is going to be a busy month for the Kangaroos.

The letters for this month are B, C and E. We will also be learning about the colors: red, black, green and blue. The numbers for this month are 14, 15, 16, and 17. and the shapes for this month are pentagon, star, rectangle and crescent.

One of our goals for the month is to work on using our listening ears. We are working on listening not only to our friends but our teachers. With that we are working on being respect-

ful to our friends and teachers. We have had a lot of issues with not treating each other kindly so this month we are going to really focus on that. We are also working on being safe in our hallways and classroom.

A big thank you to all those who donated items to our class for our Easter party. We had a great time! The Kangaroos really enjoyed going on an Easter Egg hunt and getting to meet the Easter bunny. Thank you again to all our parents for making it a success!

Parents, please have your child

hang up their coat before they come to class. We have had coats go missing because they weren't put in their red bag. Please remember that we share a room with the school-agers and to cut down on the chaos that can happen we ask that you please help your child and make sure their items are on their hook prior to coming to class.

Have a wonderful April!

~Miss Michelle,  
Miss Crystal &  
Miss Brenda

## Panther News

Wishing you a very happy April! Spring break is almost here and we are excited about all we have planned!

For cooking this month we will be making dirty worms in a cup, Rice Krispy earth ball and peanut butter banana moons! The Panthers love cooking project days and are always excited to help out and try new foods.

The science projects for this month are working on creating a marbled earth with shaving cream. This should be a fun and messy project.

We have lots of fun art projects planned as well. We will be building our own barns, doing some earth painting and a fun solar system project.

One of the big issues we have been having lately is picking up after ourselves. We will be diligently working on this with your child and we ask that when you pick up, that you please have them pick up their items before going home for the day. It makes it so much easier for all of us when we work together. Thank you for your help with this.

We are looking forward to spring break. It will be fun to hang out with the Panthers all day and take them on some fun field trips. Check out the Front Desk to see what we will be doing.

We know that with the nice warm weather, many of you start spring cleaning. If you are

getting rid of anything (movies, games, etc.) keep us in mind, we love "new" items. Thank you for keeping us in mind!

Have a wonderful month of April!

~Miss Brenda,  
Miss Heather  
Miss Shannon,  
Miss Michelle and  
Miss Briget