## Active Minds CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL Newsletter





### **Curriculum Boxes**

Both centers now have curriculum boxes that have exciting lesson plans with toys and activities to use. The kids love to see what is in their curriculum box for the week.

The teachers are able to incorporate items from the curriculum box in the room to further the learning on their weekly theme.

For example, if the theme is bugs, the box may contain posters with bugs to hang around the room, craft ideas, a sensory bin with plastic bugs and magnifying glasses,

insect puppets and a book for each day of the week about bugs.

Each week's lesson plans include circle time and stories, language, math, science, dramatic play, music and movement, science and technology, sensory and social studies. There are so many fun things for the kids to learn while they play.



\*Please send extra clothing for your child, even if they do not have bathroom accidents. Children may have something spilled on them and need to change their clothing.

\*sick children must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to child care. If we send your child home, they cannot return the next day.

\*Book orders are due March 10th.

Please be sure to log your children in and out on the computer each day.

### Date Night

March date night will be March 9th. Please remember that payment is due at the time of registration and is non-refundable. Cash only please. The cost is \$20.00 for the first child and \$15.00 for the second child.



**Upcoming Birthdays:** 



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March 8 Ainslee March 12 Maren March 20 Rowan March 24 Caliee March 24 Faith March 25 Ellie

### **Classroom News!**

### **Infant Room**



This winter has been a really tough winter for illness. Please keep your child home if they are ill so we can keep our infant room as healthy as possible. We are looking forward to the warmer weather and healthier spring!

### **Toddler Room**



The transition from infant to toddler can be hard! Toddlers are just learning about

communication and are frustrated that they can't speak as well as they would like to. Frustration can turn to hitting, scratching and pinching. Toddlers don't understand sharing and have a hard time thinking outside of themselves. You can help your child at home by talking about gentle touches and how to calm down when they are mad. If your child hits you, let them know that hurts! (Even if it doesn't). You can help teach them empathy by having them get you an ice pack and holding it on your "boo boo". This also teaches consequences for a behavior and helps them make it better. It is more effective than just having them say sorry.

As it gets warmer outside our toddlers will be spending more time outdoors. Please send a jacket and shoes with your child each day.

Book orders are due March 11th. Our

classroom code is GPBVV

### **Preschool Room**



It's kindergarten registration time! If you have a child entering Kindergarten, we would like to encourage you to look into all day Kindergarten for your child. The schools have excellent programs for tuition kindergarten. The cost is \$300.00/month and your child gets additional learning opportunities during the day. It also makes for less transition for your kindergartener during the day. Plus, before and after school care is much more affordable than half day kindergarten rates. The amount you pay for tuition kindergarten and before and after care for an all day kindergartener evens out.

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Please remember that we bus to Paramount, Prospect and Willow Creek elementary schools.

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Before and After School



School is out March 22th through 29th for spring break. Our school age children will go on field trips each day.

March 22 - Planet Kid March 25 - Grinkers March 26 - Movies March 27 - Aquarium 1:00 March 28- cooking day March 29 - Bowling 10:00

The rate for spring break will be \$145.00/week, plus a \$18.00 activity fee, or

\$105.00/M/W/F, plus a \$15.00 activity fee

\$75.00/T/TH, plus a \$12.00 activity fee

Drop in days are not available.

Please have children here by 9:30 to go on field trips.