



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The month of April is a yearly celebration of Young Children. What a great group of people to honor and celebrate! Below is an adapted version of the poem, Children Learn What They Live by Dorothy Law Nolte. For those of you who know this poem, you will see that I choose to start with the positive aspects of what children learn. I then, show the challenging learning that children experience. Both presentations are intended to initiate adult thinking about how we teach and approach children. Both optimism and realism have tremendous impacts on what children think and do and why.

If a child lives with tolerance,  
they learn patience  
If a child lives with encouragement,  
they learn confidence.  
If a child lives with praise,  
they learn to appreciation.  
If a child lives with fairness,  
they learn justice.  
If a child lives with security,  
they learn faith.

If a child lives with criticism,  
they learn condemnation.  
If a child lives with hostility,  
they learn to fight.  
If a child lives with ridicule,  
they learn to be shy.  
If a child lives with shame,  
they learn guilt.

Thank you for the privilege to care for and educate your children,  
Denise



What's  
Happening

- Apr 15 thru Apr 19 School Age Programs  
OPEN FULL DAYS
- April 29 DICC Board Meeting  
5:30-7pm
- May 6 Monthly Assembly 10am  
Hosts: Dragonfly

TCPL Story Time Visits

10 -11:00 am



Blueberry Muffin,  
Caterpillar &  
Butterfly —  
2nd Wednesday

Dragonfly, Grasshopper,  
Rainbow & Firefly—  
3rd Wednesday



Make Your Reservations



Saturday, March 27th  
5:30-8pm

## What's Happening In The Classroom

### Blueberry Muffin Room

Spring has sprung and with it comes warmer weather—yeah! The babies will be exploring the outdoors more and more in the upcoming month. Please bring jackets or sweaters to ward off the spring chill in the air. The babies are working on their moving and grooving—many practicing sitting and others rolling up a storm!



### Caterpillar Room

Hello Everyone! The Caterpillars are enjoying the spring weather. We have been taking every opportunity to go for walks around the neighborhoods. We love hearing the birds and seeing the beautiful flowers in front of the houses. We are having fun playing on our little playground too.

The Caterpillars are also busy with new classroom activities. This week we are focusing on the “r” sound. The children are very excited to see object that begin with this sound. During the circle time the Caterpillars are enjoying counting eggs, birds and blue frogs. By far the birds are the most popular among the other objects.

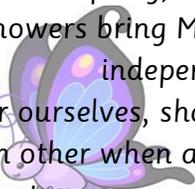


Also this month, we will be exploring spring and weather. We will be learning about different aspects of weather including rain, sun, clouds, wind and fog that we experience in the springtime, as well as the new and exiting plants and animals that come out as the weather warms.

We are planning to do lots of art projects using glue and different colors of paint and paper. You will be able to see them all on our bulletin board.

### Butterfly Room

As the weather has gotten nicer, the Butterflies are enjoying our walks outdoors. We have welcomed two new friends. Some themes we are learning about this month are Spring, birds, bunnies, Earth Day and April showers bring May flowers. We are also working on independent skills, such as cleaning up after ourselves, sharing, taking turns and helping each other when a friend gets hurt. We ask that the parents encourage their children to be more independent walking so their little legs can become stronger for our walks to parks and future field trips. We want to add a reminder for our parents to bring in extra clothes, as accidents do happen and we can get a bit messy during certain art and outdoor activities.



### Rainbow Room

Hello Spring! With the beautiful weather beginning to surface we've been trying to play outside as much as possible. That also means we've been getting a little muddier than during the winter. Please remember to pack your child extra weather appropriate clothing.

After a couple months of hard work we are inally mastering all of our colors. The children are even identifying their favorites. You'll notice each of our favorites in our art work either hanging on the walls or in our cubbies.



## What's Happening In The Classroom

### Dragonfly Room

Hello everyone!

Over the past month we have explored transportation, done some art projects that talked about spring and then painted and made some beautiful flowers. The weather is starting to get nicer so we have been able to get outside more.

I hope everyone is doing well.



### Grasshopper Room

The grasshoppers have had a wonderful start to their spring! We have welcomed Mr Julian back to DICC and into our classroom. He has been a wonderful addition and we love the warmth he brings to the classroom! We have been very focused on learning to distinguish numbers from letters! Our focus questions have been:

- Where do I see numbers ?
- Where do I see letters?
- What letters make up my name ?



Lastly, it has been our goal to get outside at least once a day. So far we've been succeeding! Catch the grasshoppers outdoors rain, shine, snow or sleet!

### Firefly Room

The Fireflies are so excited about Spring. They are digging in dirt, looking for worms and our big tree in the play yard already has buds.

They are playing a game called "school" taking turns being the teacher and the kids. Its so nice to see them sharing their wisdom. Sometimes they pretend to be kittens, and well you know its hard to tell cats what to do especially ones who are in school.



The Fireflies love to sing the song "Up Up Up" (you can find it on YouTube). They are also learning about affirmations and wonderful ways to make ourselves feel better. (You can also find "Affies4Kids" on YouTube.) We mostly play the songs and they sing along. Thank you so much for sharing your kids with us!

### Ladybug Room

Ladybugs had a fun March with more Dinosaurs! They really enjoyed acting/pretending to be them.

April has brought us spring weather! As a result we are learning about rain, rainbows, bubbles, mud and worms! All dirt (clean or messy) is welcome in our room as we can use bubbles and rain to clean it! Rainbows are found in a lot of different things and we are looking for them all over. Our Mud unit has been a lot of mess and even more fun. Thanks for bringing extra clothes!



### Are You Ready For Spring?

Warmer days are coming. Please be sure your child has weather appropriate clothing especially shoes for playing and extras within their classrooms.



## Staff Development Update: See Children and Name Their Strengths

Reinforcing language allows teachers and parents to support children so that children learn their own and other children's strengths, Paula Denton remind us in The Power of Our Words. This is simple and it is hard. The simple part is using our adult words to name leading edge behaviors. This is different than PRAISE. This is describing what a child did that helped other children or other people. To do this well, we all need to practice by:

- Naming concrete, specific behaviors;
- Using our warm adult voices and tone.
- Find positives to name in all children.

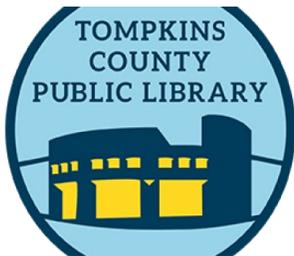
Do not name other children's behaviors as examples for others



## Community Classes and Workshops:

### **SIMPLE SIGNS FOR INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND FAMILIES**

WHEN: FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019 10:30AM—11:30AM



WHERE: Thaler/Howell Programming Room, Tompkins County Public Library

Join pediatric speech language pathologist Michele Westfall for a half hour of signs, songs and strategies for communication. Learn to use American Sign Language (ASL) to facilitate your child's understanding of their environment and their ability to participate in their world. Ideal for children up to age 2 and their caregivers.

This is a drop-in program. No registration is required.

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