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Dates to Remember

- March 22nd—Picture Day
- April 7th—CLOSED
- April 9th—Easter
- May—Bike Safety Month
- May 14th—Mother's Day
- May 20th—My Place Meet Up
- May 29th—CLOSED
- June 18th—Father's Day
- June 19—CLOSED

Spring is such a wonderful time of year; it reminds us of possibilities for new growth all around us. Earlier this month we saw children and staff spread their wings and move up to new classrooms. PreK open houses are happening now and preschool graduation plans are under way. Our neighborhood walks will soon start to show signs of new growth springing from the earth. Soon our eggs from Princess Buttercup will begin to hatch and new life will begin before our eyes.



We are excited to announce our first family engagement activity since the pandemic. We are hosting a My Place Meet Up at Sunset View Creamery in Odessa, NY on Saturday, May 20th. I've reserved the farm for our group from 10 AM to Noon, feel free to join us the entire time or just stop in depending on your family schedule and child's interest level. This is a free event and all are welcome to come by to tour the farm and even cuddle a cow if you'd like! It should be a fun day on the farm with lots of fun, laughter and togetherness.



As a non-profit we rely on fundraising and grants to help defray the cost of care and reduce the burden on families. Our annual fundraiser Month of the Child will take place again this June. Last year we raised nearly \$10,000 to help with costs. Our fund development committee has begun planning this year's event and would love to hear from you. We'd love to know what you'd like to see as raffle items this year. If you'd like to help with this year's event please connect with me, I'd love to hear your thoughts.

Best,
Miss Kris

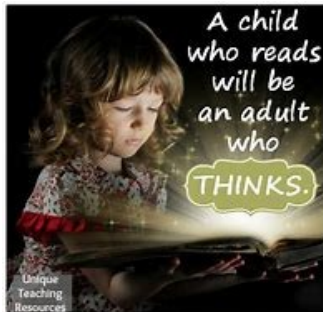


Greetings from the Assistant Director



The season of change is upon us once again! We have had some new friends and teachers join us and we have had several kiddos graduate up to the next class. It's always so bitter sweet to watch the kiddos blossom before our eyes, one minute they are a snugly infant and the next they are on the move as a toddler mastering all kinds of new skills.

Over the past few months we have continued to work on routines within the classrooms, as well as introducing Conscious Discipline to the staff and kiddos. Conscious Discipline is a social-emotional learning program that supports first teaching ourselves about self-control and self-regulation, and then teaching it to the children. We have been focused on knowing our emotions and how to work/talk through them. The staff have been given breathing tools that the kiddos can see as they are located on their badges. The staff model how to use these as well as let the children know how they are feeling in that moment. Each child and staff have created a pinwheel to also help with breathing techniques. Keep an eye on ProCare and on your child's classroom bulletin board for helpful tips and techniques.



We have been continuing to participate in Scholastic Book Clubs. We are down to the last few orders of the year, please help us reach our goal of 16,000 points. We are currently a little over halfway. Thank you for all the orders and purchases from our wish list, we greatly appreciate it!

We are diligently working on active communication with families, please be sure that all of your information is up to date within our ProCare app. It is important that you have an active and working app, to sign your children in and out daily as well as communicate with the classroom staff, Kris, and I. Kindly let me know if you are having any issues with the app.



We are required to have all up to date physicals and immunizations on file for all children. When your child receives a yearly physical or any immunizations, please give me a copy for their file.

With the weather quickly changing please be sure that you are sending in weather appropriate clothing and footwear as we are required to go outside every day. With the season changing and spring cleaning happening, please keep us in mind for any unwanted clothing or toys.



Thank you all for your continued support. I am looking forward to a warm and fun Spring.

Best,
Miss Noel



My Place

A Play and Learning Center



Family Meet Up

Join us Saturday, May 20th

10 AM to NOON

Sunset View Creamery

4970 County Rt 14, Odessa, NY

FREE Family Event Siblings Welcome

Farm Tours, Cheese Tasting and Cow
Cuddling

LEARNING THROUGH
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FAVORITE WAY



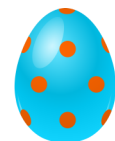
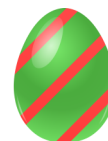
Classroom Happenings

Infant Team - Lead Teacher, Miss Kayley Teacher Aides— Miss Aimee

Hello, families! The babies are so happy that warm weather is approaching, it was a long cold winter! We still had so much fun learning through play, despite the yucky weather. Several of our babies mastered some sign language to communicate with others, some of our babies learned how to walk, and some learned how to roll over/crawl. We witnessed so many milestones get accomplished this winter! This spring, we look forward to learning about rain, flowers, the weather, and many more topics. We are even more excited that we will be able to do circle time outside again once the ground is dry and the weather is nice.

We are always looking and accepting clothing donations in all of the classrooms, but our babies soil clothes much more often than some of our older friends. With that being said, we would love to take any clothing donations you have from sizes 3 months – 18 months.

We thank you in advance! As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns... please never hesitate to reach out to me through ProCare, or by email – Kayley.Potrzebowski@myplace-aplc.org We hope you have a very fun and warm Spring!



Preschool Team - Lead Teacher, Miss Tee
Assistant Teacher— Miss Bria
Teacher Aide— Miss Maulena



Happy Spring! Preschool had a fun Winter learning and making memories together! Some fun things we did that the kiddos really enjoyed were; spreading holiday cheer from our countries and others, going on a couple of field trips which included seeing ice sculptures and visiting the post office, and practicing our dance moves with our random dance parties.

This Spring some of our learning focuses will be scissor use, deep breathing/calming activities, raising our own butterfly, shapes and number recognition, and of course enjoying all the fresh air that we can with outside activities! Please be sure your kiddo always has the appropriate wear to be outside! I will be starting a Star Student every other week. During this time, they will be displayed on our bulletin board and get to participate in a few “extra” activities, like bring a special guest in to read to their friends or have a meal with them!

Please reach out if you have any questions and/or concerns. The way to contact me is ProCare, but my email is tristine.carocci@myplace-aplc.org



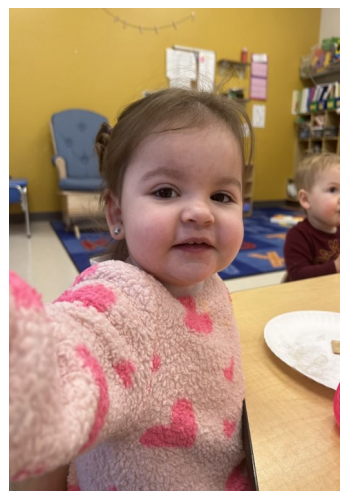
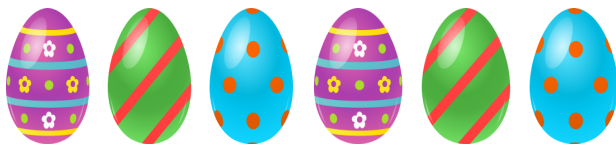
Waddler Team - Assistant Teacher—Miss Mady Teacher Aides— Miss Lily, Miss Savannah, Miss Maddy

The Waddler classroom has welcomed lots of little friends from the infant room over the past couple of months as well as said goodbye to a few that headed to the toddler room. Everyone is getting adjusted well to their new schedule and routines and having lots of fun playing and exploring.

Waddlers are working hard on how to use their utensils during meals as well as practicing healthy habits such as washing hands and brushing teeth, and sharing with each other.

Looking ahead we will continue to work on nice hands, sharing, and building caring friendships. As well as healthy habits, fine motor, and gross motor skills.

Please be sure that you are signing your child in and out each day via ProCare and be on the lookout for messages.



Tiny Tots Team - Lead Teacher, Miss Taylor Assistant Teacher— Miss Mattie

Tiny Tot's had such a great winter! The cold, short days didn't bring us down! We had a lot of fun playing in snow, making snowmen, and learning lots about winter!

We have a lot of big feelings as we grow. That's why we focused on emotions, and what to do with them! We are ready for the spring season. We are going to be learning a lot about different life cycles this spring, especially with the chicken eggs we will be getting soon! Looking forward to another great season, filled with warmer weather, and lots of learning/growing!



**Toddler Team - Lead Teacher, Miss Jess
Assistant Teacher—Miss Amber;
Teacher Aide— Miss Bre**



I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome into the toddler room! All of the kiddos are so fantastic, and I felt welcome and “at home” from the get go! We have had some fun in the snow lately but I’m ready for this warmer weather that hopefully is coming soon!



We have been working hard on using our words when something is upsetting us by encouraging them to tell us what’s wrong when they seem upset, this has really seemed to be working and its so great to see that social-emotional side of them shining!



School Age Team - Program Director—Miss Cass
Lead Teacher's— Miss Dazi, Mr Alex
Assistant Teachers—Miss Niki, Miss Anita



We've been having SNOW much fun at the My Place After School Program. From exploring our new pop-up tents, to making slime, playing in the gym, creating our own "FriendSHIP," and most importantly, discussing what it means to be a great friend. We have many great things planned for spring, and summer is a whole different kind of party!

The My Place After School Program, who is licensed through the Office of Child and Family Services will be offering a Summer Enrichment Program for ages 4-12. We will be operating Monday-Friday at the Watkins Glen Elementary School from 7am-6pm. We will be accepting limited enrollment for \$245 weekly or \$55 per day. We also are offering ½ day care from 12-6, for \$125 per week or \$30 per day. Each additional child per family will receive an 8% tuition discount. My Place **does** accept subsidies. Please contact your local DSS for more information. Summer enrollment form can be found at: myplace-aplc.org.

During hours of care, children are offered a variety of age- appropriate activities, field trips, outdoor play, access to the school's gymnasium, summer swim lessons, as well as a nutritious breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. We are also planning to have weekly focus themes where the children will get to take a deeper dive into the interest topics. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns! I can be reached at cassandra.ball@myplace-aplc.org.





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June 26th-30th:  Camping	July 3rd-7th:  Commotion in the Ocean!	July 10th-14th:  A'Hoy Matey!	July 17th-21st:  Color Wars	July 24th-28th:  Sports
July 31st-August 4th:  Superheros!	August 7th-11th:  Once Upon A Time	August 14th-18th:  NASCAR	August 21st-25th:  Outer Space	August 28th-Sept 1st:  Lake Life

