



Wee Welcome Newsletter

April 2024



The Easter Bunny seems to always stop here on his travels. Be sure to ask your child the Monday after if he left anything for them!



Monday April 22 is Earth Day.



Molly – 4/1

Esme – 4/21

Gunnar – 4/8

Megan – 4/26

Calvin – 4/26

Since the theme of 2024 is “**Planet vs Plastics**”, there are some activities based on it that everyone can follow:

- **Opt-Out of Printed Plant Catalogs:** Reduce paper waste by stopping mail-order plant catalogs.
- **Plant Native Species:** Enhance your garden with local wildflowers and native plants.
- **Garden Recycling:** Use bulk buying and biodegradable pots in your gardening.
- **Organic Gardening:** Adopt chemical-free gardening methods.
- **Water Conservation:** Use efficient watering systems and collect rainwater.
- **Join “Planet vs. Plastics”:** Participate in initiatives to reduce plastic usage.
- **Create a Rain Garden:** Build a rain garden to manage water runoff.
- **Engage Kids in Nature:** Get children involved in Eco-friendly activities.
- **Sustainable Home Practices:** Implement energy-saving habits at home.
- **Read Environmental Books:** Educate yourself with books on environmental topics.
- **Clean Up Your Neighborhood:** Participate in or organize a local cleanup event.
- Purchase items that are not individually wrapped.
- Donate items that you no longer need.
- Share items such as lawnmowers and machines that aren't needed on a regular basis.
 - Clean a community area: Take your children to their favorite park, woods, or even for a stroll around your neighborhood. Pick up all the litter you can find and see who can collect the biggest bag. Take the time to explain the effects litter has on our environment.
- Virtually adopt an animal: Check with your local zoo or other nature-oriented organization, such as the Save the Manatee Club. Your child can look at pictures and read about his or her new "pet."
- Create a Recycle, Reuse, Reduce collage: Use "trash" (paper scraps, labels, junk mail, and other found items) and glue to create a multimedia masterpiece.



There is no school Friday April 19. If your child will not be here that day please let us know.

Parents: You **MUST** give us a written notice if your child will be here early or staying later than their scheduled times. We schedule our teachers according to the times you signed up for when your child started. Bringing a child early may make a difference in our child to teacher ratio thereby putting us in violation of state rules. Also, when a child stays later it makes a difference as a teacher has to be here to cover that time thereby causing them to stay later and missing or being late to their obligations.

Week of the Young Child is April 6-12. Watch for fun activities and be sure to ask your child what they did each day as we celebrate the uniqueness of children!

The total phase of this solar eclipse is not visible in Milwaukee, but it can be observed there as a partial solar eclipse. The Moon covers a large portion of the Sun, so this is a spectacular sight in Milwaukee on Monday April 8. Stages and times of the eclipse are outlined below. All times are local time (CDT) for Milwaukee.

12:52:46 **Partial eclipse begins**

The moment the edge of the Moon touches the edge of the Sun is called first contact.

2:08:13 **Maximum eclipse**

The deepest point of the eclipse, with the Sun at its most hidden.

3:21:52 **Partial eclipse ends**

The edge of the Moon leaves the edge of the Sun.

* Timings for the beginning & end of partial eclipse and maximum eclipse are accurate to within a few seconds.

