

LADYBUG NEWS

Educating and Caring For Your Children For More Than 35 Years



Dear Ladybug Clients,

This month, as we proudly mark our 36th year of business, we want to take a moment to say thank you. We are awed and humbled by the trust so many parents have placed in Ladybug over the years. Literally thousands of children have passed through our doors—some short stays and some for as long as twelve years! We truly appreciate you, and the thousands of other loyal clients like you. It's because of you, and each of our many exceptional staff through the years, that we're able to celebrate our 36th anniversary.

As Ladybug embarks upon our next 30 years, we want you to know that we remain deeply committed to upholding the values that embody the essence of Ladybug. You have our word that we will continue striving to anticipate your needs—by providing you with the quality care and education and the personal attention you expect every time you walk into our centers.

It is an honor and a privilege to work with your children and family.

Thank you for being part of Ladybug.

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Thank you for being part of our Ladybug family. Ladybug teachers are pleased to create this monthly newsletter for you because you are important to us and we truly appreciate you. Please feel free to share this newsletter with friends and family.

Happy reading!

Mark Your Calendars!

April 1st- Ladybug's
36th Birthday

April 14th- Ladybug is
Closed to observe
Good Friday

April 24th-28th-
Week of the Young
Child and Book Fair

Mission

At Ladybug Child Care Center, our mission is to provide a joyful learning experience for your family that empowers your children to reach their educational and personal potential while lovingly nurturing their self-confidence and self-esteem.



Please join us on Friday, March 31st to celebrate Ladybug's Birthday during pickup time. There will be cupcakes served in the conference room from 3pm-6pm!



SMALL STEPS FOR EARTH DAY

Earth day is April 22, so we encourage you to teach your kids to "go green"! Here are some quick and easy suggestions.

- * Shut off the water when they brush their teeth.
- * Walk, ride a bike, or take the bus instead of traveling by car.
- * Take faster showers or bathe in just a small amount of water.
- * Hang clothes on a line instead of using the dryer
- * Choose products that are not over packaged
- * Reduce electricity by explaining to your children that lights, computers, television, and the furnace use energy, and that energy is in short supply.
- * Appliances like computers and DVD players continue to use energy even when off, so cutting the power is the only way to conserve.
- * Explain to your kids that every bottle and can should be recycled. Help the kids sort and take them out for pickup.
- * Enjoy the Earth by protecting it. Take nature walks and look at the trees, flowers, and sky. When your family is on vacation, don't forget to enjoy the local natural environment, not just the tourist spots. Encourage your children to take pictures, draw pictures, read books, and write stories about the world and its beauty.

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At **Ladybug** Child Care Center, we will prepare your child's heart, mind, and body to ensure their success as a life long learner.

Nursery

Spring Is In The Air

In the nursery we have a great spot to watch spring bloom through our windows. We will be working on moving in April. Most of the children in the nursery have some type of movement they already do but we want to get them rolling and scooting. We will also be working on the fine motor skills of picking up and playing with the smaller toys in the room. Each child has been able to hold on to them but we are looking forward to the time where they are actually playing and interacting with them.

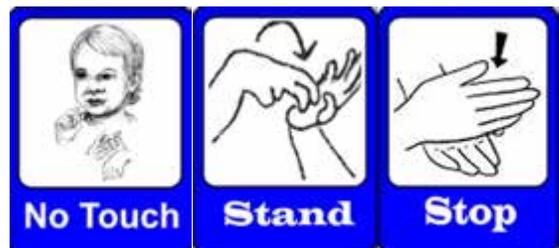
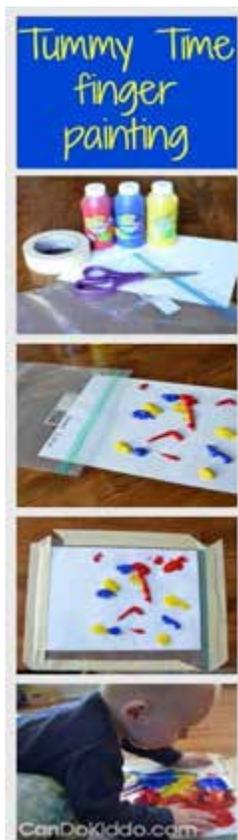
During the month of April we will be doing art projects with rain, rainbows, and sun. For painting with the little ones we do tummy time finger painting! We place a piece of paper and some paint in a zip lock bag, tape it to the tile floor and let the children "paint" during tummy time.

As your little bug is growing up and starting to work on solids we encourage you to also provide finger foods as well. Example: Puffs, yogurt melts, mum mums, lil crunchies, etc. It helps the child practice their fine motor skills and get use to the feeling of textures in their mouth.

For The Love of Children~ Miss Lera

Reminders

- Lady bug will be Closed on Friday, April 14th for observing Good Friday.
- If the weather starts getting nicer outside, don't forget to bring in spring time outerwear for us to put on your child. Weather permitting we would go out for stroller rides.



Signs for the month of April

Rain Falling Down

(sung to the tune of Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Rain, rain falling down,

Landing all around.

What a lovely

Sound you make,

Splashing on the ground!



Playroom



April Showers...

This month we will be busy with all things rain and water! Along with sensory water play, we will be making raindrops, clouds, umbrellas, “mud” prints and ducks in art! Easter is April 16th; we will be doing some special art with eggs and bunnies!

We will be singing some fun rain, and Easter, related songs (and poems) this month like “Pitter Patter”, “the Rainbow Song”, and “Little Bunny Foo Foo”! Our playroom bugs really like listening to songs!

This month we will be focusing on the sign language signs for: “Stop”; “No Touch”; and “Stand”.

With spring and (hopefully) warmer weather coming we will be starting to get outside! Weather permitting we will go outside in the morning and in the afternoon. Please bring a spring jacket, hat and mittens (if needed for the day). If your child is walking, please have shoes for them!

April is also a good month to check your child’s extra clothes at Ladybug. Make sure that they have the correct size and start switching out winter for spring clothes! If you have any questions please let me know!

For The Love of Children ~ Miss Jody

Rainbow Song

(Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle,
Little Star)

Red and orange, green and
blue,

Shiny yellow, purple too.

All the colors that we know,
live up in the rainbow.

Red and orange, green and
blue,



Signs for April

Pitter Patter Raindrops

Pitter-patter, raindrops,

Falling from the sky;

Here is my umbrella

To keep me safe and dry!

When the rain is over,

And the sun begins to glow,

Little flowers start to bud,

And grow and grow and
grow!



Toddler A



Spring has sprung!

Spring has sprung and with it has come rain showers and green grass! So I think that it is safe to say that we can send home all of our winter gear! Snow pants, winter coats, boots, hats and mittens can go away until next year! I do suggest when it is a little wet outside that we consider some rain boots and a warm spring jacket! We do not go outside when it is actively raining but we do when it stops or if it is wet from the night before and we definitely want to make sure that the little ones are as comfortable as possible!

Last month we had so much fun making all of things that go, cars, trucks, boat and trains! We also enjoyed trying out some new things for ourselves and some of us really got the hang of new things! This month we are ready for some fun with “Eggs, Eggs, Eggs” and “Bunnies and other babies!”

The first half of the month we have “Eggs, eggs, eggs!” As you have probably guessed this theme focuses on eggs and what we can do with them! The theme, “Bunnies and other babies” we get to learn about all the little babies that are born in the spring time and those special bunnies that come for Easter!

Art: We are very excited to make all kinds of eggs! We will try out some different textures on our eggs, make our own personal Easter eggs with all kinds of different colors, shapes, and decorations! This should really help us learn our colors! We will also be having some fun with animal pictures by gluing some colored paper on them and even some cotton balls and yarn to make them look and feel more real!

Science: We may see what happens when an egg falls on the floor both before and after its cooked! We will also examine both the uncooked and cooked egg after it falls and see what happens inside! We will also learn how we can make a new color out of two different colors it should be really fun! We will also talk about how the seasons are changing outside too!

Music and movement: We have some fun new songs to sing and also some very traditional ones and while we are singing we are going roll around on the floor like eggs roll! We might also try pretending to be an egg and cracking into a mess when we fall on the floor or bouncing like a hard boiled egg. “Humpty dumpty” is a great song that we get to sing this month as well as

“I’m a little Easter egg!” We also have some fun animal song about how the mama animals sing to the babies! We will also sing a lot of Old MacDonald and learn what sound all the animals make!

Math: We will be counting and examining all the different colors that are springing fourth with this new season! We will be looking specifically for the oval shape this month! We will of course continue with our counting skills and have fun finding the color of the special eggs in the classroom!

Large Muscle: To help us get ready for spring we will be trying to get outside at least once a day weather permitting and get our little hearts pumping! We have lots of fun activities we can do but our favorite is to pretend to be the different animals and run around on all fours, prancing, hopping and galloping if we can!



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- *Happy Birthday Ladybug Child Care Centers! Ladybug is turning 36 years old on April 1st!
- *Ladybug will be closed Friday April 14, in observance of Good Friday!
- *Make sure to label all clothing, shoes, jackets, and rain boots! We are all about the same size and like a lot of the same things so some belongings are very similar and it is very easy to get things mixed up
- This is going to be a fun month and I hope that you all enjoy it as much possible!

For The Love of Children ~ Miss Anne

Toddler A E-mail: chaska.toddler.a@ladybugcc.com

Toddler B

March Goals

Math:

- Identify the colors: Red, yellow, orange, green, black, brown, white and pink.
- Be able to sort by: Color
- Identify the shape: Rectangle

Language Arts:

- Be able to sit and listen to a story.

Music:

- Engage in singing games.

Personal and Social Growth:

- Practice using indoor voice
- Use appropriate manners like excuse me and apologizes.
- Use appropriate table manners.

Physical:

- Be provided with ample opportunity for use of large muscle skills.

We have spring fever....

It's getting nice outside, that means... Green grass, flowers, and bugs!!!

March was fun but now it's over and we are on to warmer weather. We did lots of fun cooking projects this month. We made banana cream pudding, spreading sun butter on crackers, and making fruit loop necklaces. We also explored in the arts of sensory, lots of finger painting, shaving cream play, and play dough fun!

For The Love of Children~ Miss Amanda

Our themes for the month will be: *Eggs, Eggs, Eggs & Bunnies and other Babies*. During this month the children will be learning about the sounds and looks of all kinds of baby animals. Art projects of Egg Sun catchers, Chalk Eggs, Bunny Ear Headbands and much more will be done. There will also be extra activities of an Egg Search, Bunny Hop Dance, Egg Puzzles and more.



Thank you to Officer Kyle for showing us his squad car with all those cool lights.



Proddlers

Math:

- Be able to identify the oval shape
- Learn the concept of empty versus full
- Practice patterning
- Review one to one correspondence; such as sorting colors, shapes and sizes.
- Graphing various items

Language Arts:

- Recall words in short songs and using our fingers to make motions to the songs.

Music:

- Sing, play, move and create music expressive of individual imaginations
- Engage in singing activities

Personal and Social Growth:

- Identify themselves by first and last name and gender
- Practice manners



Week 1 & 2:

Eggs, Eggs, Eggs – This theme will be talking about Easter and everything that goes with it. We will be doing some different experiments and projects with eggs.

Week 3 & 4:

Bunnies and Other Babies – To wrap up the Easter month and dive into spring, our theme will be Bunnies and Other Babies. We will be talking about different animals and their babies that they have and doing art projects involving baby animals.

For The Love of Children~ Miss Stephanie

Parent Reminder!!

As we continue to have more kids move into Proddlers from Toddler B, I am finding that our coat closet is getting very crowded. I am asking parents to take non-essential items with them after drop off. Coats, snow pants, hats, gloves, and boots are more than welcome to stay, but things like backpacks and toys need to go with parents or be left in the car. I understand that this may be a difficult transition for some kids and all of us teachers will do our best to help out our little

Funny Story:

We were talking about how grandparents come to our house and no one knew what to say. I asked if they drive a car. Lucas said, "no she doesn't drive a car, Nana's in a garbage truck." I asked if Nana drives the garbage truck. Lucas said, "NO, she rides in the back."

Three Easter Bunnies

(Sung to the tune "Three

Blind Mice")



Three Easter bunnies,
three Easter bunnies,

Hip, hip, hop; hip, hip,
hop

With baskets full, they
hop around,

They hide their Easter
eggs on the ground,

Then hop away without a
sound.

Hip, hip, hop; hip, hip,
hop.

Preschool

"Eggs, Eggs, Eggs"

The science of eggs and what does it mean to "hatch"...we'll be learning about what kinds of animals hatch from eggs as well as the parts of eggs, and the different ways we can enjoy eggs as a food! Do you prefer them scrambled? Deviled? Green with a side of ham? Chocolate with a cream filling? We will also do an experiment to see if we can make an egg bounce when we drop it!



"Bunnies and Other Babies"

Where do bunnies live and what do they eat? What do we call a baby goose? How about a baby cat or a baby horse? We will be learning about these animals through pictures and lots of large muscle movement. Our Class will also be hopping like bunnies and pretending to be kittens. Then we'll exercise our fine motor skills with lots of animal art projects like making muddy pigs and gluing cotton balls on paper bunnies.



For The Love of Children~ Miss Jenna and Miss Alyssa

Tidbits & Reminders:

* If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us either by phone or email at chaska.preschool@ladybugcc.com

*Ladybug will be closed on April 14th for Good Friday.

*Please bring only what your child needs (i.e. ONE hat, ONE pair of mittens, ONE coat, etc), we are finding that the cubbies are jammed packed with things and are not able to put our work in them.

Thank you for all of your support and have a great Easter!



Our community helpers that came to visit.

At Home Activities:

Because one of the goals for the month is measurement, a great at home activity to practice this is cooking! Allowing your child to cook with you can help teach them how to use measuring cups and spoons.

Goals and Concepts

Math

- Children will demonstrate an interest in exploring with the concept of measurement.
- The children will be able to demonstrate knowledge of specialized tools that are used to measure length, weight, volume, temperature, and time.
- The children will know that an item used to measure other items is called a unit of measure.

Language Arts

- The children will be able to express ideas and thoughts through writing using scribbles and drawing.
- The children will be able to identify their name in print.
- The children will begin to print letters in lower and upper case.

Music

- The children will respond to expressive qualities of music through movement.

Personal and Social Growth

- The children will be able to transition smoothly from one activity to the next.
- The children will be able to recognize and describe basic feeling (5 years old).

Other

- Control pencil and scissors.
- Practice holding a pencil with the appropriate grip.

AdventureCentre



THE SCOOP

Celebrate Spring!



As we end the month of March with a bang in our spring break! Here's a quick rundown of all the fun that we had done. As we cruised in to the month of March with our fun themes **Home sweet Home, wearing of the green, land before time** and **Bananas and monkeys!** We built bird homes for our spring arrivals. We also, looked for the leprechaun and made tasty shamrock shakes, and explored the lands before time! In the last week of the month we enjoyed our spring break with swimming and skating fieldtrips followed by a bang in cooking projects!

With all of that fun ending in the month of March we are ready for what lies ahead in the month of April. In the month of April we have a few fun themes that we will be exploring as we set full force in to spring! The first week we will be celebrating ladybugs birthday with **Ladybug Squares**, celebrating Easter with **Peter cottontail** and ending the month in celebrating our earth with the theme **there's no place like earth**, here's a small glimpse of what it is we will be doing in our themes.

Ladybug squares, in this week we will be celebrating ladybugs birthday, we will be doing all sorts of fun activities while wishing ladybug a happy 36th birthday!



ber!

Peter Cottontail, in this week we will be celebrating Easter and doing some super fun activities, such as an Easter egg hunt as well as basket making! This week will be a fun one to remember!

There's no place like earth, in this week we will be doing a few activities focused around our beautiful home called earth, we will be recycling trash and doing a few cooking projects such as worms and dirt for the fun theme!

For the love of Children" Miss Sade

Reminders!

- Ladybug will be closed on April 14th
- There is also no school on April 14th
- The week of the young child is April 24th-28th
- Please be sure to check the parent board daily, summer trips as well as important information will be posted!



We had lots of fun building bird houses!

