

MARCH



Learn with Me

Read for Life

We know that reading is an essential life skill whether we are at a restaurant trying to decide what to eat or applying for a job. This means as child care providers it is even more important to read aloud and help the children begin their love of reading when they are young.

Top Reasons Reading to Children is Important:

- 1) Improves vocabulary, grammar and writing skills which leads to future academic success
- 2) Books are entertaining and encourage imagination
- 3) Improves reading skills and builds independence in knowledge
- 4) Helps children learn about the world around them; including reading safety labels



Create with Me

Beautiful Butterfly

Using markers or watercolor paints, have children color a coffee filter. Then ask them to drip water onto the coffee filter using a dropper. The colors will mix and run together. Lay the coffee filter out to dry. After drying, fold the coffee filter into ½ inch accordions and tie a pipe cleaner around the middle with the ends still out to make antennae. Fan out the wings of the beautiful butterfly. Hang around the room for spring decoration.



Cook with Me

Spiral Snacks

- Ham, thinly sliced
- Cheese, thinly sliced

Children will love helping you in the kitchen to create their spiral snacks! Have them lay a slice of cheese on top of a slice of ham and roll the two up together. Help them slice their ham and cheese logs into spiral sections laid flat on the plate.



Play with Me

Outdoor Pick Up Sticks

This game takes a little preparation, but will be so much fun! Paint bamboo rods green, yellow, blue and red like the traditional game of pick up sticks. After drying, teach the children how to play pick up sticks in the yard with these extra-large outdoor toys.

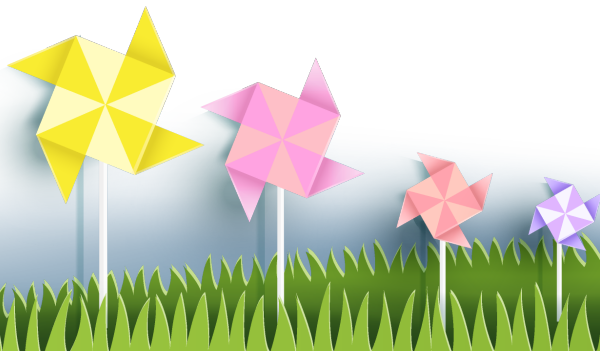


Read with Me

Spring is a fantastic time to get outdoors and enjoy wheeled toys. Read these bicycle books to the children in your care.

Duck on a Bike by David Shannon

Everyone Can Learn to Ride a Bike by Chris Raschka



Name _____



Missing Letters

Fill in the missing letters of the alphabet and count to make sure you have all 26 letters.

A		C	D
E		G	
	I	J	
L		N	O
	Q		S
T	U	V	
	X		Z