

Message from Mrs. Tepe



Spring finally feels like it is here! Our classrooms are buzzing with excitement, and we can officially say spring fever has hit! April is a super short month with spring break. We have so many fun events coming up that the month is sure to fly by! Thank you to everyone that supported our Dewey's Pizza and Jersey Mike's Fundraiser. We raised over \$475.00 for our school! The profit from our fundraising

goes toward our enrichment experiences such as Mr. Goldie, Dream Maker Farms, both the Dino Dig and 3,2,1 Blast off program through the Cincinnati Museum Center to name a few. A big shout out to our Creative Parent Board fundraising helpers Stacy Kyde and Jamie Schwertman for organizing this fundraiser as well as others throughout the school year.

As a cooperative school, we thrive on the support and dedication of our wonderful parent community. Your involvement ensures our school runs smoothly and continues to be a wonderful place for our children. As a friendly reminder, each family is asked to participate twice a year in a helping role for school events and lend a hand for our carnival. If you haven't signed up for a volunteer shift this year, we would greatly appreciate your help with the upcoming events. We are looking for volunteers for our playground clean up on April 5th as well as our Carnival on May 3rd. Check out the sign up's below!

Playground Clean Up Day Creative Preschool's Spring Playground Clean Up Day is on April 5th, 2025, from 9:00-12:00 AM. Please come lend a hand! We will be mulching and cleaning up around the playground. You provide the muscle and we will provide the treats! Bring your wheelbarrow, shovel, rake and some muscle to help get our playground ready for the school year. Many hands make for light work! Questions? Please reach out to Missy Tepe at Creativepreschool@fuse.net or our Playground Board Rep, Kelly Frey at Kellyfrey22@gmail.com. Please note, our rain out date will be April 6th. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!
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A Message from the Board President

Interested in Joining the Board? We have several Board positions we need to fill for the 2025-2026 school year. If you would like more information regarding these positions or have any questions, please contact Kayla McGuire at creativepreschoolparentboard@yahoo.com. See last page for a detailed list of open positions.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

4/5	Playground Cleanup
4/8	Board Meeting
4/11	Easter Party FF
4/15	Final Tuition '24-25 Due
4/16	Easter Party MW, MWF
4/17	Easter Party TTH
4/18-4/25	Spring Break
4/28	School Resumes
5/1	1st Tuition Payment Due for '25-'26
5/3	Creative Carnival
5/14	Last Day MW, MWF
5/15	Last Day TTh
5/16	Last Day FF

ABSENT LINE - 513-941-7254



CLASS NEWS:

News from Friday Friends



This month we have a short amount of time together and lots to do!! With Mother's Day approaching in May, we will be working on our Mother's Day gifts and our special Mother's Day card.

We will also talk about Spring and some of the wonderful things that happen during this season. We will make a windsock using pastel colors to paint the cup

and then we will glue streamers around the inside. The children will count each streamer as they go. We will talk about flowers that grow during Springtime. As the weather continues to warm up, we hope to spend more time outside. Please be sure that your child wears gym shoes and clothing appropriate for outdoor play.

We will have Easter Parties for our Friday Friends class on April 11th. Keep an eye out for an email with our Sign Up for easter basket items. These items are due on April 4th.

Our Spring Break will begin on April 18th – April 25th. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday April 28th. Have a wonderful Spring Break!

Friday Friends Monthly Focus

Shape...	Oval
Concepts...	Spring, flowers

News from Three's



This month we will continue to discuss how we are seeing the different signs of the Spring season. Some of our crafts will include creating a windsock and talking about the element of wind. What does it do? How does it feel? Can we see it? We will look outside for dandelions and look at the differences between the white and yellow dandelions. Since April showers bring May flowers, we are going to

make a project using umbrellas numbered 0-5 and then counting how many raindrops we will need for each umbrella. This will help reinforce 1 to 1 correspondence and practice counting. We will start to make a special

Mother's Day gift, card and wrapping paper for our moms. We know the children will try their best to keep this present a secret! As the weather continues to warm up, we hope to spend more time outside. Please be sure that your child wears gym shoes and clothing appropriate for outdoor play. Please see the top of the newsletter for upcoming dates.

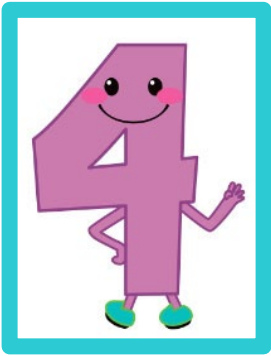
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Three's Monthly Focus

Vocabulary...	Spring, Mother, Flowers, Weather
Letters...	continuing recognizing their name in print
Math...	1 to 1 correspondence,

News from Four's



The children will begin to learn their phone numbers. If you have not already done so, please let your child's teacher know if there is a different phone number your child should learn other than the one we have on file. Please help your child to learn your preferred number by reciting it at home as well.

The month of April we will talk about spring, construction and working on our alphabet books. By the end of this month, we will conclude our study of each alphabet letter. We will continue to review the letters of the alphabet, as well as the teen numbers, throughout the rest of the school year.

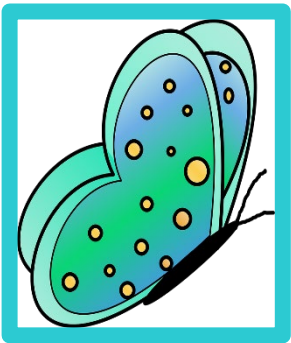
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Looking ahead into May... On May 1st and 2nd, we will be having a fun bike safety day. On this day your child is invited to bring a bike or scooter and helmet to school. We will be learning all sorts of bike safety rules. More info to come!

FOUR'S MONTHLY FOCUS

Letter	E and U
Numbers...	teens
Vocabulary & Concepts	spring, sequence, growth, weather, sculpture, building.

News from PreK



The month of April will be packed with learning activities and much fun! By the end of this month, we will conclude our study of each alphabet letter. We will continue to review the letters of the alphabet, as well as the teen numbers, throughout the rest of the school year. This month, we will learn about the weather, and all things spring. We will be working hard on our 'End of the

Year' books and reviewing all the wonderful things we have learned this year.

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PREK MONTHLY FOCUS

Letters...	E, U
Numbers...	teens
Vocabulary & Concepts	weather, spring, sculpture, growth, building.

News from Motor Skills

In the month of April, we hope to spend as much time outside as the weather allows to work on our large motor skills. Our playground offers a wealth of opportunities for our students to practice the necessary skills needed for large motor growth such as climbing, crawling, running, and balancing. Should the weather bring us inside we will use our upstairs room to work on large motor skills such as rolling, dribbling, and kicking a ball. We also hope to practice hitting a wiffle ball from a tee, throwing and catching just in time for Baseball season!

Gross motor skills are essential for a child's development. These skills involve using large muscles in the body, and they help children with movement and coordination. Gross motor development is critical to balance, coordination, and connection to other body functions.

Gross motor skill examples include the use of larger muscles such as running, skiing, riding a bike, throwing a baseball, lifting a weight, climbing a rock, jumping rope, and kicking a soccer ball. These are good for so many reasons such as...

- **Health** – apparent benefits of exercise to the body and mind.
- **Confidence & Self Esteem** – necessary in childhood, yes, but arguably a more significant life skill.
- **Ability to Assess Risk** – another essential life skill, not only with physical well-being but with taking risks in life with decision making.
- **Energy Release** – physical, social, and emotional
- **Brain Development** – the early years lay the foundation of brain pathways for lifelong motor skills and aids in learning, especially skills requiring advanced thinking and mental dexterity. We promote gross motor development in our program which helps-
- Fosters **Imagination** through Story Telling and Active Play. Encourages
- **Problem Solving and Critical Thinking** (e.g., how will I climb over this log?).
- Hones **Risk Taking Skills**.
- **Ignites a Sense of Awe and Wonder** about the Nature World.
- **FUN!**
- **Better Sleep**
- **Happier Children.**



Spring Has Sprung... and Spring Fever has hit the children of Creative Preschool! The children are full of energy and excitement and that means that they do not always think before they act. Be aware that little ones are prone to dart out from between parked cars. In order to avoid accidents and injury to our children, please be especially careful when driving and when walking in the parking lot. Always drive S-L-O-W-L-Y and come to a FULL STOP at the stop sign by the cross walk. In addition, please DO NOT allow your child to exit the car at the drop-off line without a staff member escort, nor enter the school or classroom without a staff member present and aware!

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ALONG THE CONES AT THE DROP-OFF LINE AT PICK-UP TIME! Doing so makes it difficult for children to be seen and impossible for staff to see the lot and monitor potential hazards.

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Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00pm.

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Last Tuition Payment

Final tuition payment for the 2024-2025 school year is due.

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Mothers Tea

Easter Parties are scheduled for April 11th for Friday Friends, April 16th for MW and MWF classes, and April 17th for TTH classes.

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1st Tuition Payment Due 2025-2026 school year.

Reminder that the FIRST tuition payment for the 2025-2026 school year is due on May 1. Please pay on time to maintain your spot for next year.

Parent Board Officers Needed

We need to fill several Board positions for the 2025-2026 school year. If you are interested in joining the Parent-Teacher Board, please email Kayla McGuire at creativepreschoolparentboard@yahoo.com or join us at the next board meeting,

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Creative Carnival

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Shoe Safety

Please do NOT send your child to school in any foot attire except for sturdy gym shoes. Rubber boots,



fancy shoes, cowboy boots, Ugg-type boots, slip-ons, etc. are not safe for jumping, hopping, dancing, climbing, and tumbling, all activities which we participate in here at Creative, both indoors and out.

Young children need sturdy, well-fitting foot attire for the safety of themselves and others, so **please send your child in gym shoes only!**

End of School Year Celebrations:

Our end of the school year celebrations will be during their normal class hours. We will have a fun filled celebration for each class on their last day of class. See dates on page 1 and below. More details to come!

Please be sure to check out our website for the latest news & calendar updates and “Like” us on Facebook.



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and Their Children Since 1972



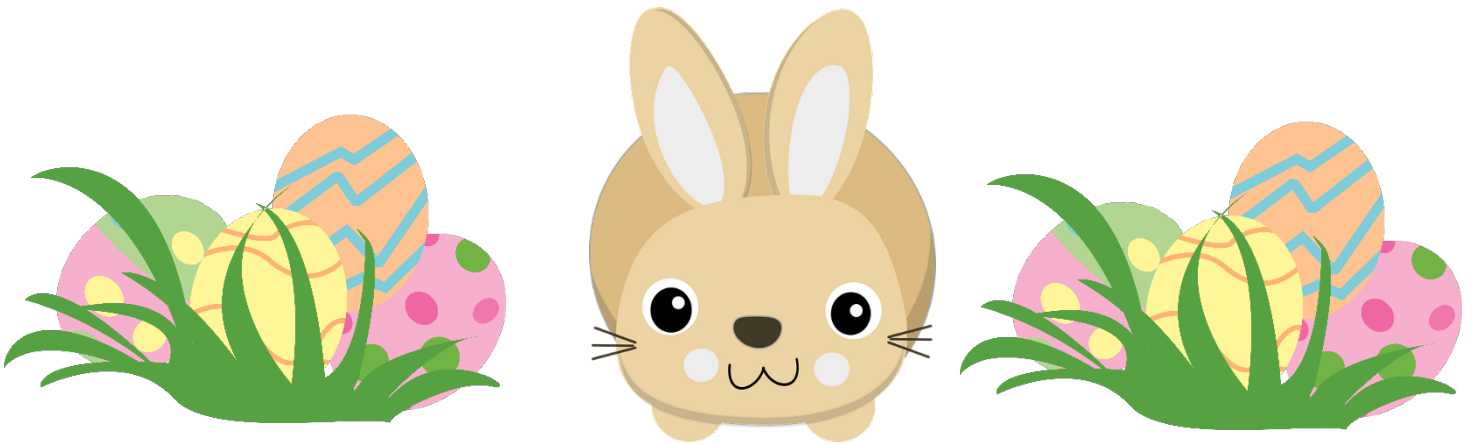
Easter Parties

are scheduled for normal class times on....

Friday Friends- April 11th

MW and MWF- April 16th

TTH - April 17th



Spring Break is April 18th- April 25th.

See you all back on April 28th.



END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATIONS 2025!

MW & MWF Classes AM -May 14th Duebber 8:30-9:30 McGowan 9:30-10:30 Koshover 10:30-11:30	MW & MWF PM Classes -May 14th Duebber 12:30-1:30 McGowan 1:30-2:30 Koshover 2:30-3:30
TH AM Classes -May 15th Paul 8:45-9:45 Koshover 9:45-10:45 Mazza 10:45-11:45	Friday Friends Class-May 16th- 9:00-10:00

Please bring your child to his/her classroom 10 minutes before the beginning of his/her Celebration. The first part of our Celebration will be upstairs. Then, weather permitting, we will go outdoors, so please dress your child accordingly. No doubt the children will want to enjoy the playground together one last time! Students will NOT have a full school day on the last day.



CREATIVE Board Positions Open for 2025- 2026

**** Reminder : Joining the board gives you priority registration****



- **Carnival baskets (2 helpers needed)**
 - Contact donor lists and collect donated items
 - Communicate with parent rep for class basket communications
 - Organize items, label, and create baskets (by yourself or basket making party)
 - Prepare baskets and tickets for early raffle sale
 - Set up basket raffle on the day of the carnival and contact winners at the end
- **Carnival Games/ Prizes**
 - In charge of making sure all games and prizes are located, organized and set up
 - All games are stored at creative. Check inventory every year.
 - Prizes – order prizes from oriental trading and collect gently used items from families
 - Will communicate with room mom's on making posters for each game per class
- **Playground Cleanup**
 - Organize Fall and Spring Clean Up days in coordination with the director
 - Discuss/ plan what projects need to be completed to keep the playground up to code with director
 - Help assemble new equipment as needed
 - Periodically blow leaves/ debris off playground
- **Fundraising (2 helpers needed)**
 - Help organize/ orchestrate fundraisers for creative.
 - Little Caesars / Charleston wrap
 - Black Friday raffle
 - Restaurant Nights
 - Chipotle - Plan with the location 2x a year to have a night for creative families.
 - Deweys
 - Jersey Mikes





★ **ADMISSION** ★
★ **PARKING** ★
★ **SHUTTLE** ★
FROM ST. SIMON PARISH

SPRING
CARNIVAL

JOIN US!

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\$ CASH ONLY EVENT \$

- ✓ FACE PAINTING
- ✓ INFLATABLE SLIDE
- ✓ SNOW CONE
- ✓ COTTON CANDY
- ✓ DELICIOUS FOOD
- ✓ RAFFLE BASKETS
- ✓ GAMES WHERE KIDS ALWAYS WIN