

Positive Steps Childcare & Preschool

The Right Choice

April 2010



Dates to Remember

April 2nd Color eggs and Easter Goodie's

April 3rd Offutt Easter egg Hunt

April 4th Easter Sunday

April 11-17 Week of the Young Child

*April 15 Doughnuts with Dad

*April 16 Muffins with Mom

April 22nd Earth Day

National Week of the Young Child is held each year to honor young children and thank those who make a difference in young children's lives because
"Early Years Are Learning Years."

In honor of your children, and you being their first best teacher's; the daycare invites the dad's & Moms to breakfast with your child.

Doughnuts with Dad

Thursday April 15, 7:30-8:30

Muffins with Mom

Friday April 16, 7:30-8:30

Offutt's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 3rd
at the Base Lake

Time:

1-3 year olds 10:15 am

4-6 year olds 10:30 am

Parents 11:00 am

The Easter Bunny will be there, so remember to bring your camera.



The children will color eggs & celebrate Easter at Daycare on Friday April 2nd.

Guess who's been with us for 1 whole year.

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Gentle Reminder:

Parents are always welcome to stay a few minutes & read with your little one during drop off time in the morning; but please park in front of our home on Pilgrim Drive if you plan to stay longer than 5 minutes.

This will leave the Daycare Driveway available for those parents who need to come & go quickly.

Also keep in mind - pick up time should be kept to a maximum 10 - 15 minutes - so that the other children are able to stay on schedule and routine.

Thank You.



Thank you Squrnky's Mommy for sharing Clover cookies with us on St. Patrick's Day



April's preschool plan

Letters: T, U, V, W.

Shapes: Oval

Color: Yellow & Pastels

Themes:

April Showers-
spring
learning activities!

Birds in Spring- busy
spring time birds,
the children will learn to appreciate the
beauty of Birds

Sail Away- Ahoy! Float along with this aquatic transportation theme. It covers water-related modes of travel, as well as plenty of water table fun! You will see several pirate activities pop up as well! Arrrghh!



Holiday's and special days:
Easter- Earth Day- Arbor Day

Month of the Military Child

Family Fair



Let's Make it Better... together!

Saturday, April 24 at the Youth Center
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- ▶ Pony Rides
 - ▶ Information Booths
 - ▶ Clowns
 - ▶ Hands on Art Activities
 - ▶ Child-sized Grocery Store
 - ▶ Inflatable Bouncers
 - ▶ Cook It Up Competition
- Call 294-6247 for details



Also featuring **Trevor Romain**,
best selling children's book author,
speaking at the Capehart Theater at 1 p.m.

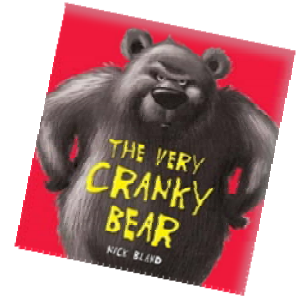
Call 294-9016/5152 for more Family Fair info!



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Our Read across America Commitment
is a great success.
Keep on Reading... Enjoy a good book.



Help your child learn to love reading. Starting early is the Key to success. **Read out loud to your child regularly.** Research shows that reading together just 20 minutes a day significantly increases your child's reading ability.

Help your child see that books can be lifelong friends. A very important activity for promoting literacy is using the library. Get a library card for each child and go often to select new books. **Take the time to look at your daily activities and help your child see the connection to reading and writing.** Cooking, reading food labels, playing word games, and writing stories can be helpful too.

For children who don't read much, it might take time to get used to reading aloud, and later, silent reading. **Give it the time it deserves.** You may get tired of reading the same stories again and again but it is that repetition that is so important for your child.

Children see adults around them writing and reading messages, notes, articles or books. This often makes them want to say their ideas out loud so you can write them down. At preschool age or older, children begin to write, using their own invented spelling or best guess. **They understand that writing helps them share important information and experiences.** It is less important for children to spell the words right than it is to enjoy the experience. Correct spelling can happen a little later.

Here are some easy language and reading activities to do together with children at home or at school.

At home:

- read the mail and let children have what you don't need
- browse together through catalogs
- keep a family calendar with messages and reminders
- send birthday and other special occasion cards with personal notes
- create a family library of magazines, newspapers and books
- save a space at the kitchen table for drawing and writing
- have your child tell a story as you write it down read books with your child



In the car:

- read street and store signs
- play rhyming games ("what rhymes with fat?") or word games ("how many fruits can you name?")
- sing songs and invent poems

For the store:

- write shopping lists and clip coupons
- discuss recipes and ingredients
- read food labels and containers (children love cereal boxes)

