

February 26, 2018

From the Director's Desk

On Monday, February 19 the Childgarden staff engaged in a very successful professional development day. We enjoyed an interactive morning, in which we explored how to develop project work with children. Project work focuses around a specific idea or topic which hits all of the developmental areas. We also explored how we use materials in the classroom. We encourage you to stop by the main hallway to see the creative work the Childgarden teachers produced during this day!

-Debbie

March 29: Tiny Baby, Small Budget, Smart Mama

Do you know your annual budget for diapers? What about formula? Or kids clothing? Do you want to lower those expenses? At this workshop you will learn easy and practical ways to save money on all things related to raising young children, with a particular emphasis on how you can save as a St. Louis parent! You will learn how to find good quality used clothing and toys, which can easily save you hundreds of dollars each year. You will also learn how to save money on St. Louis kid-related activities like the Magic House and Zoo, and how to sell your used children's items to make the most profit.



Join us on Thursday, March 29 as Sarah Lauderer, author and parent of two children at Childgarden, presents ***Tiny Baby, Small Budget, Smart Mama***.

This workshop will be held in the playroom from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., so come by while your children are still in the care of their Childgarden teachers! Please [RSVP](#) for the workshop so we can plan accordingly.

April 23 - 27: Week of the Young Child

The teachers have begun the planning process for the Week of the Young Child. We will wrap up the week with our annual Family Fun Night on Friday, April 27 in the

evening. Stay tuned for additional information about the fun events that will be planned for each day.

Welcome Alysha

We are excited to introduce our new cook and kitchen manager, Alysha Broughton. Alysha has a culinary background, in addition to a degree in biology. Tuesday, February 27 will be her first official day at Childgarden, as she attends the St. Louis Arc orientation today.

Please stop by the kitchen to welcome her to the Childgarden family.



Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to our [Community Engagement](#) program. Community Engagement is a St. Louis Arc program which provides support to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, so they can become active participants in their community. During the search for a new cook, the CE group was nothing shy of amazing! They came to Childgarden every day to prepare our meals and snacks, as well as deliver food and wash dishes.



Thank you to the entire team!

Reminder: Strategic Planning Survey

If you haven't already done so, please complete the survey that was sent to you on February 13 by the St. Louis Arc. The information gathered from this survey will allow us to evaluate the services we offer and will assist the St. Louis Arc in strategic planning. Please contact [Debbie](#) if you need us to resend the survey.

Happy Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to Carol Riley, teacher in Buds, who celebrates 6 years at Childgarden on March 5!



Save the Date

Picture day is around the corner...save the date(s) - Monday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 8.