



March 26, 2018

From the Director's Desk

Shorts and t-shirt weather is almost here, which means that it's time to bring sunscreen to school. As you can imagine applying sunscreen to every child is a time consuming part of the day in each classroom.

There are a few things that you can do to help:

1. If you have the opportunity to apply sunscreen in the morning before coming to school it would be a huge time saver for the teachers...even if it's once in a while!
2. If your child does not have an allergy that requires a certain brand, please purchase Water Babies. If everyone has the same brand, teachers don't need to switch bottles/brands for each child.

Thank you for your consideration,

-Debbie

March 29: Tiny Baby, Small Budget, Smart Mamma

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 4: Stories with the "Library Lady"

A quick reminder that the "library lady" will be joining us on April 4 at 4:00 p.m. to read stories to the children at Childgarden. We know how much the children love story time, so please schedule your pickup time accordingly.

April 19: Superheroes for Kids

Each year the St. Louis Arc holds a fundraising event, Superheroes for Kids, which benefits Belle Children's Services of St. Louis Arc. Belle Children's Services is responsible for providing all of the therapy services here at Childgarden. Their mission of family-focused, child-led, inclusive programming keeps the focus on each child's strengths and supports all children learning together. Learn more about the event and register to attend on the [Arc's website](#).



April 23-27: Week of the Young Child

Monday:

Classrooms will make musical instruments and have a parade around the center. Cara, our music therapist will also come to play instruments, sing and dance with the children.

We invite children to wear red or Cardinal attire.



Tuesday: Some classrooms will be including cooking activities and children are invited to bring in snacks. **Children are invited to wear the PJ's.**

Wednesday: This day will be focused on "collaborative construction". We invite families to bring in empty boxes and recyclables. Children will collaborate to create structures using the donated materials. **Wear something backwards or mismatched!**

Thursday: Activities will center around art and sensory exploration. **Silly clothing items and accessories are encouraged!**

Friday is bikes, bikes, bikes. Children are invited to bring their bikes, scooters or other riding toy. (Don't forget helmets!)

Reminders of the week's events will be posted on the door. If you are interested in assisting your child's classroom with any of the week's activities, please reach out to his/her teachers.

The family fun night on Friday April 27, wraps up the week's celebration of early learning, young children, their teachers, and families. Dinner will be provided and activities will be set up for all age groups. We invite you to bring desserts. Due to current center allergies, we ask that all goodies be peanut-free.

May 7 and 8: Photos

Just a reminder that school pictures are scheduled for May 7 and 8.

Happy Anniversary!

Happy One Year Anniversary to Kaliska Newson and Kate LaZear!

