

April Newsletter

Garden Patch CLC



It might be rainy and gloomy outside this first day of April, but inside is full of smiles!

Living in Nebraska my whole life the weather has always been a factor. Whether it's trying to figure out which moment counts to determine if March really came in like a lion or a lamb so you know how the end of the month will be to knowing if we are in fake spring or real spring to being happy for rain because you don't want to water your lawn, but also wishing it would just be sunny, 75 degrees, and no wind for a few hours, all my life weather has been something we talk about. It's very fitting then that here at the center it is weather week!

This week we will do our

first tornado drill of the spring. All children will go into one of our storm shelter rooms and wait until they receive the all clear to return to their rooms. We practice drills like this and fire drills to ensure that if a situation was to arise, we would be prepared and both teachers and children would know exactly what to do.

As we transition into spring our classes will be getting outside more. Please remember to bring a coat each day as mornings can still be a little cool until the sun hits the west side of our building. Teachers love to plan activities outside during this time to help kids learn and grow all while enjoying the fresh air.

Wishing you a great spring and favorable weather!

Jill Stogdill, Director

April Birthdays

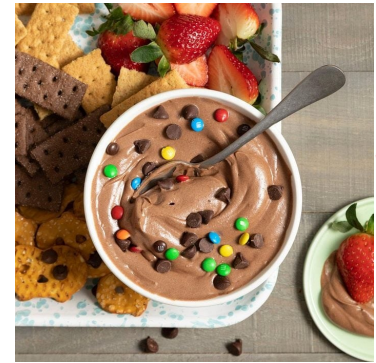
Weston H.	April 5
Eric S.	April 6
Logan L.	April 7
Emi T.	April 7
Clara R.	April 8
Calum N.	April 9
Bridger L.	April 15
Carson H.	April 17
Brooke C.	April 20
Jacqueline C.	April 23
Cayden K.	April 25
Titus B.	April 29
William D.	April 29
Norah H.	April 30

Brownie Batter Dip

1 pkg (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
2 c. confectioners' sugar
1/4 c. milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
Optional: M&M's mini or mini chocolate chips
Graham crackers, pretzels, fresh strawberries, marshmallows, etc

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and butter until smooth.
Beat in confectioners' sugar, cocoa, milk, brown sugar and vanilla until smooth.
If desired, sprinkle with M&M's minis.
Serve with dippers of your choice.

1/4 c. butter, softened
1/3 c. baking cocoa
2 Tbsp brown sugar



Ham & Cheese Puffs

1 pkg (8 oz) thinly sliced deli ham, chopped
1 egg
1 1/2 tsp. Dijon mustard
1 tube (8 oz) refrigerated crescent rolls

1/2 c. shredded Swiss cheese
1 sm. onion, chopped (onion)
1/8 tsp. pepper



Preheat oven to 375°. Combine the first six ingredients.

Divide crescent dough into 24 portions.

Press into greased mini muffin cups.

Spoon 1 tablespoon ham mixture into each cup. Bake until golden brown, 13-15 minutes.

Extra Clothes Reminder

With the change in seasons, this is a great time to double check the **extra clothes** your child has here. Check for size and season appropriateness.

As the seasons change, the chance to find a random puddle can always be a reason to need a change of clothes.

We continue to go outside as the temps keep being warm periodically.. Temperatures can still be cold in the mornings. **Please bring a coat** so your child can enjoy some fresh air.



Picture Day — Pictures are scheduled for May 7th!

Picture day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th (8:30-noon)
for all children infants - Pre-k.

Stay tuned for additional details and print/image ordering.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Help us shower our teachers with extra love
for all they do!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6th-10th

Check out our Sign Up Genius for items to donate or bring items in.

This link has also been shared through Brightwheel

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C44AAA92EAAFD0-48749748-teacher>

Thank you for making our teachers feel extra special!

While the extra items this week mean so much to our teachers, one of the best parts is a note or drawing from the children they care for each day. If you are looking for a way to show some love to your child's teacher, have them color a picture or write a quick note.

Our teachers treasure these pieces.

April Toddler & Preschool Themes

Week of April 1 Week of April 8 Week of April '15 Week of April 22 Week of April 29	Weather Farm Fun! Buggin' for Bugs Love for Our Earth Superhero
<u>Toddler Numbers of the Month</u> 17 & 18	<u>Preschool Numbers of the Month</u> 29, 30, 31, & 32
<u>Color of the Month</u> Purple	<u>Letters of the Month</u> U, V, & W
<u>Toddler Shape of the Month</u> Octagon	<u>Preschool Assessment Focus of the Month</u> Handwriting
Social Skill of the Month: Keeping our areas clean	

Important Days in April

Thursday, April 11 — Pajama Day

Monday, April 22 — Wear green and/or blue to celebrate Earth day

Tuesday, April 30 — Wear purple