



Lansdale Family Newsletter

April 2020

Director's Corner

Dear Families,

Recently, our school made the difficult decision to temporarily close due to the pandemic we are all experiencing. Rest assured, however, that our commitment to your child's development, learning, health, and safety remains unchanged. As you work to make appropriate preparations for your family, including decisions around how best to support your child during this time, please know we are here to help.

What you can do at home with your child:

Encourage conversations about what's happening.

Your child likely has questions about why he/she isn't going to school. It's important to encourage him/her to ask questions and provide enough detail to make him/her feel informed, reassured, and safe. I recommend asking your child daily how he's/she's feeling and encourage you to validate his/her feelings while providing reassurance. Remember that children often express themselves better when talking about story characters or creating art than they do through direct questioning, so be on the lookout for all kinds of messages your child may send.

Focus on having fun and bonding as a family.

Talk to your child about the things you enjoyed most as a young child—and then do them together! Singing and dancing, snuggling up to share a favorite children's book or movie, playing with dress-up clothes, or building a fort from couch cushions have been popular activities with generations of children for a reason. Quite simply, they're fun, they're easy, and they are sure to spark your child's imagination.

Additionally, we look forward to continuing to share activities and learning strategies though Tadpoles, email and on our facebook page. If you have not yet joined our private facebook page please request at "Lansdale Play and Learn". We love to see all of the pictures and videos! We will continue to offer occasional zoom meeting so we can stay connected.

Kristi

What's Happening at Our Center

"Drive by!" We are hoping to schedule a time where families can drive into the parking lot and wave to the teacher from the safety of their cars. More details to follow.

Gertrude Hawk

The Gertrude Hawk is tentatively scheduled to be delivered to the center on Monday 4/6. We will let you know time so that you can pick up your items. Please make arrangements to pick up that day because we will not be able to store the boxes at the center. I will email as soon as the time is confirmed.

Week of the Young Child

Play & Learn will celebrate Week of the Young Child from April 11th - April 17th. Week of the Young Child recognizes the needs of young children and thanks educators and others involved in building better futures for all children. This year's themes include: Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday and Family Friday. We will be posting something each day to share through social media.

Camp Kaleidoscope - A Summer Adventure!

We are very excited for our summer program to begin June 22nd. Every week there will be special theme activities, water play, picnic lunches and in-house trips. More details to follow.