

# CREATIVE DAY SCHOOL

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## Talk So Kids Will Listen

Most parents complain, at least from time to time that their children don't listen to them. Shouting doesn't help, and chances are it will only aggravate the problem. Try these tips for forging better communication with your kids:

- **Get their attention.** Don't start talking if they're focused on something else. You may have to do something unusual—to reach a toddler having a tantrum, for example, trying to give his or her back a few pats or a tickle. For older children, singing a song may break through their wall of boredom or inattention.
- **Be brief.** Most kids don't want to listen to long lectures. When you have something to say, get right to the point. They'll get the message without feeling patronized or growing bored.
- **Write a note instead.** If your message isn't time-sensitive, try writing a note to your kids. They can read it at their convenience, and you'll be able to put more detail into it than you would in a brief conversation.
- **Stay positive.** Don't just assign chores and tell kids what they're doing wrong. Praise them and thank them so they won't automatically tense up when you ask, "Can I talk to you for a few minutes?"
- **Set the right example.** When your kids have something to say, give them your full attention. If you ignore them when they're trying to talk, they may do the same to you.

## Fun Indoor Activities for Rainy Spring Days

Spring is a great time of year to start getting colorful and to create beautiful artwork of all types. There are lots of simple, low-cost options for parents to consider, and these projects can easily be completed with simple ideas and in a short period of time. Some important supplies to have on hand will include low-cost watercolor paints, craft glue, colored paper and old magazines, yarn and fabric scraps, recyclable plastic containers such as large and small yogurt containers or even plastic soda bottles.

### Spring Vases

Vases are always a great option to make in the spring, and they can be as simple or as creative as your child likes. Start with a plastic container and apply a layer of craft glue with a paintbrush to create a layer over the plastic that will make it easier to work with.

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## Help Your Child to Love Learning

School vacations sometimes go on forever, and children can even fall back a learning level if they do not have enough physical or mental stimulation during a long break. The good news is that families, including those with children of different ages, can have fun together while also learning a great deal.

There are lots of ways to involve kids in opportunities for informal learning and to create fun and memorable family activities that also stimulate the brain. One good idea is to try and organize a concert with family and friends. Make popcorn, divide the responsibilities, create dance numbers and music you can perform for one another, and even print up a program. Another fun, and simpler, idea is just to decide on some fun books you can all read together – reading aloud to smaller children – and never forget to make use of any educational games that may be in the home. Even watching television or a movie can be educational, as you can help them to develop their critical perspectives by discussing the plot, characters, acting, and themes that are present in the entertainment.

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## Take A Look At What We Are Doing...

### This month's theme is: "In the Grass"

- **Infants:** As we celebrate the theme "In the Grass", we will explore the sights and sounds, as well as the feel of the outside, while rolling in the grass. We will be indulging in much sensory play with dirt, grass, sand, water, mud, and more. We will blow bubbles and chase them. We are looking forward to fun in the grass!
- **Toddlers:** This month, we will be spending much time outdoors as we explore the many important purposes of grass. We will discover what types of animals and insects live in the grass and underneath the grass. We will learn how grass is important to us to help us grow food we need and allow other plants to grow. It will be a fun time as we play in the grass and discover the many wonders right below our feet.
- **Twos:** We will be talking about what we see in the grass. We will focus on the color "green", for the color of the grass. We'll talk about what grows in the grass as well as what lives in it. We will talk about what makes the grass grow and what does it feel and smell like. Also, we will continue working on the alphabet, counting, colors, shapes, and sorting. We'll talk about Easter and the Easter Bunny. The twos will color Easter Eggs. We will continue learning through songs and fingerplays.
- **Threes:** Fun awaits as we identify different kinds of grasses and discover that they all grow in different places. We will help children explore grass, wildflowers, weeds, and bees. We will talk about how grass changes with each season. Grass is very important as it helps us grow food and with rain, and it helps other plants grow too. Fun time learning as we discover what can be found in the grass!
- **Fours:** A world of wonder waits right below our feet. It's fun to play and roll around in the grass, but it also serves a lot of important purposes. We'll go underground and investigate the critters that live under it as well as those that use grass for food and shelter. Grass is also very important to people as it helps us grow food, and we can use it to help other plants grow. An outdoor adventure is awaiting us as we discover what to do and what can be found in the grass.
- **After-schoolers:** This month we will discuss different types of bugs and other things we find in the grass and the important roles they play in our ecosystem. We will discover animals that make their home underground. We will be talking about various types of plants and will be planting our own flowers. We will continue to work on our math, reading, and writing skills. Our nutrition activity for the month will be discovering what food we can plant to create our own garden.



### Happy Birthday!

April 2 Eve      April 14 Donnell  
April 4 Makeal    April 16 Ashlyne  
April 4 Gabriel    April 22 Tanner  
April 8 Jaidanessa    April 22 Lakira  
April 11 Jayden    April 26 Amy

Staff Birthday:  
April 8 Ms. Dora



### Center News:

**For the month of April, we will include the study of eggs as a part of our food & nutrition activities, as well as the season for starting gardens.**



### Parent Questions and Answers:

*Question: Am I required to get my child's immunization record for the child file or can the center call and get it?*

*Answer: The center cannot call and get the records. The parent is responsible for this; however, the parent may request that the Pediatrician fax this record to the center.*