CHILDRENS LIGHTHOUSE

APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

Week Of the Young Child 2021!

naeyc Week of the Young Child 50TH Anniversary

Each year, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) acknowledges the importance of educating young children by holding a week-long celebration focused on the earliest learners and honoring those who teach them.

This year, we will celebrate WOTYC with our families, during pick up time 4:00-6:00 p.m. Check out all the fun activates we have planned. Each will give you the opportunity to celebrate young children and learn how we teach them each day.

Music Monday- join us for music class in the parking lot.

Tasty Tuesday- Stop by the Kona Ice truck and help your child select the perfect flavors for their tasty treat.

Work Together Wednesday- Your family can help create a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork for the school.

Artsy Thursday- Help decorate a parking spot to celebrate your child's favorite teacher.

Family Friday- **7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Join us in the parking lot for a drive-up movie event. Bring your lawn chairs or stay cool in your vehicle. We will provide the popcorn; you provide the candy and drinks.**

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Dear Parents,

What a difference a year makes! I joined Childrens Lighthouse of Lake Houston on February 17, 2020 and officially took the helm a week later on Monday, February 24th. I was ready and eager to take on what ever my new position held. Little did I know that two and a half weeks later the world would shut down, families would shelter in their homes and enrollment would drop from 174 children to 25 (that was a confidence blow for sure!). I am happy to tell you that in the thirteen months since Houston shut down, we are now just 15 shy of pre-pandemic numbers. I could not be prouder of this team! This last year has been a journey like no other.

2020/21 also brought big changes in my family's life. It is with both excitement and sadness that I announce after a 28-year career serving children and families, my husband and I have decided to seize an opportunity that affords me the time to stay home and take care of my family.

Stepping away from working with children and families, and from Childrens Lighthouse was an exceedingly difficult decision, but one that is best for myself and my family. I have loved being part of such and loving and family-oriented program this last year. Working side by side with Kelly and experiencing her heart and passion for families, for the children, and for her team inspired me each day. I know I leave you all in wonderfully capable hands.

To ensure a smooth transition I will continue to work with the leadership team through May 2021. In addition, we have decided to make internal changes to the leadership team rather than bring in a new director. Ms. Trameca will step up as School Director, and Ms. Tina will step up as Education Director. We are actively recruiting for an Administrative Assistant to support Trameca, Tina and Kelly.

This is going to be a bittersweet departure for me. Working with children and families has been my focus since I graduated high school. This transition will be difficult, but hopefully rewarding. I deeply appreciate all the families that have entrusted their children to my care over the years. Your trust and partnerships have meant the world to me.

Sincerely,
Heather Barnhill, Director

Teagan Thomas	4/5
Esteban Zargoza	4/6
Noah Hawk	4/6
Atlas Brazle	4/7
Karter Hubbard	4/10
Ella Medellin	4/14
Ms. Sarah	4/14
Amelia Rios	4/16
Oliva Hernandez	4/21
Noah Kleinwolterink	4/22
Lily Oyuga	4/22
McKinnley West	4/25
Ms. Krystal	4/25
Merritt Arnette	4/26
Ms. Shanna	4/28
Jensen Garrison	4/29
Shiloh Stokes	4/29

Picture Days are April 21 & 22

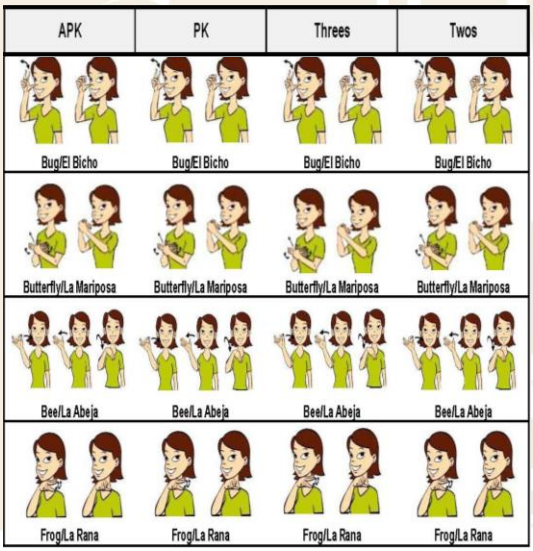
Picture day will **start at 8:30 a.m.** with our youngest groups. Sibling pictures will be taken on Wednesday. Part time children will take pictures on their regular scheduled day to attend (if it is different than the picture day schedule)

CURRICULUM NEWS

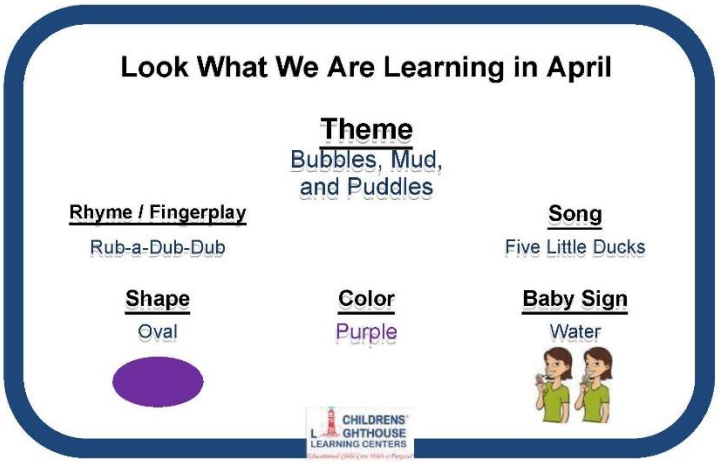
Preschool Room 5-9

This Month's Books/Author	This Month's Character Value
Author: Eric Carle	
Alphabet Book: *ABC Insects*	

This Month's Themes	This Month's Alphabet Letters
Spring	Z
Life Cycles	Y
Insects	**X**
Amphibians	Review



Infant/Toddlers Room 1-4



School Age Room 10

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Director
Heather Barnhill

Assistant Director
Trameca Busby

Curriculum Coordinator
Tina Schreiner

Franchise Owners
John and Kelly Pritchard

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01 April Fool's Day	02 School's Closed!	03
04 Happy Easter	05	06	07	08	09 National Unicorn Day	10
11 naeyc Week of the Young Child 50th Anniversary; Music Monday	12	13 Taste Tuesday	14 Book Fair; Work Together Wednesday	15 Arts Thursday	16 Family Movie Night; Family Friday	17
18	19	20	21 Picture Day Starting at 8:30 a.m. Room 3 & 4 Room 1 & 2 Siblings	22 Picture Day Starting at 8:30 a.m. Room 5, & 6 Room 7, 8 & 9	23 Earth Day April 22	24
25	26	27 Crazy Hair Day	28	29	30 Happy National Oatmeal Cookie Day!	01
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