



# WCA Preschool Times



April 10, 2023

I hope this finds you and your family well rested after the long week off. If you enjoyed a staycation hopefully you were able to enjoy the nicer weather during the week. Looking back at our week before break we sure had fun with books and activities focused on Leo Lionni, Eric Carle and Dr. Seuss. It was great having everyone in class each day so I could get them caught up on activities they may have missed while gone the weeks before. We certainly had fun creating the Leo Lionni rock mouse! We went on a nature walk and looped around to the edge of the upper lot where we found our perfect rocks to make a mouse. The class really enjoyed this activity of exploring and playing with the rocks. We definitely came back to the room with more rocks than we needed. Each child picked out their ears, tail, and eyes and I used a hot glue gun to attach the features where they wanted on the rock. They all turned out so cute! Spring is the perfect time of year for our next unit of study, plants! Our room will slowly come to life over the next few weeks as we enjoy making hairy caterpillars. We will use egg cartons with soil and spread grass seed on it. Watering our caterpillar's hairy back and watching the seeds slowly sprout up will be a great living science experiment. We will have organic soil in the sensory table with plastic pots, fake flowers, shovels and gardening gloves. Pretend play will turn into a flower shop and we will have real earth worms at the science table. The class will be able to touch them and look at them with magnifying glasses while learning about why they are so important to the soil. It's going to be a great week! *Friday is our field trip to Kids N Things! We will need parent drivers, but I can also take children. We will be leaving in the morning, having lunch there and then returning to school before 3:30 P.M. I'll be sending specific details home in the next few days. It's going to be great fun!*

## Areas of Focus

### Plants



## Literacy and Language



- Books: *Ten Seeds, The Rain Came Down, Miss Maple's Seeds, Secrets of the Garden, How Plants Grow, The Tiny Seed*
- Same-Sound Pairs
- Syllable Recognition (Words with 1, 2, and 3 syllables.)

### Focus Words

\*soil \*roots \*stem \*nutrients \*germinate

## Math, Science, Sensory

- \* Sensory Table Gardener (Soil, Fake Flowers, Plastic Shovels and Pots)
- \* Plastic Bag Lima Bean (Predict, Graph Growth, Draw Observations)
- \* Parts of a Plant
- \* Seed Sorting Math (Size, More, Less, Equal)



## Important News

- ➔ *Friday is our field trip to Kids N Things in Albion! We have to have your child's permission slip returned in order for him/her to be able to go.*
- ➔ *Mark your calendar for the last day of preschool on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>!*
- ➔ *Please dress your child in layers each day! We will be outside as much as we can. Thank you! ☺*

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## Preschool Poetry Recitation

All school year we have been hearing individual poetry recitations from our WCA students at opening ceremony. The high schoolers always kick off the school year and as the weeks go on we work our way down through the grades with the last month of school being our youngest students taking their turn. Since preschool gets out one week before K-12 we will be doing our poem, as a class, the week of May 22<sup>nd</sup>! We are going to start practicing now so your child's comfort level with familiarity is that much stronger on the day of our poem. As the week draws nearer I'll be sure to communicate our poem date!

### All of Me

by Jessica McDonald

***My hands are for clapping***

(Clap hands together 2x.)



***My arms can hug tight***

(Cross arms over body and hug.)



***My fingers can snap***

(Snap fingers with both hands the best we can.)



***Or can turn out the light***

(Hand motion flipping off a light switch.)



***My legs are for jumping***

(Jump in the air 1x.)



***My eyes help me see***

(Point to eyes using both hands.)



***This is my body.***

(Raise both hands in the air above the head.)



***And I love all of me!***

(Place both hands over the heart.)

