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# A Busy Child Daycare & Preschool

Where your child is busy learning and having fun!

## Online Family Resource Area

**NEW PHOTOS  
HAVE BEEN  
ADDED TO THE  
WEBSITE ON:  
3/31/2009**

Be sure to visit the Family Resource area of the website for photos and additional family resources. Don't forget to share with your friends & family!

### LOG-IN INFO:

**Username:**

XXXXXX

**Password:**

XXXXXX



### Upcoming Appointment

**DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT(s):** I have a doctor's appointment scheduled in the afternoon on **Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**. I will be gone from 2:45 p.m. until approximately 5:30 p.m. To avoid closing early, Kearyan and JT will be caring for the children in my absence.

### April Lesson Plans

- **Letters:** V, Q & Begin Reviewing
- **Numbers:** 17, 18
- **Shapes:** Review
- **Nursery Rhyme:** Mary Had a Little Lamb
- **Theme:** Flowers & Plants
- **Theme:** Spring

### April Field Trip

This month we will be taking the children to see a play at the Arvada Center. We will be watching the play titled "Just So Stories" Inspired by the stories of Rudyard Kipling, (also author of *The Jungle Book*) on **Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **A brief description:**

Set in a once-upon-a-time land of trunkless elephants, thin-skinned rhinos, and spotless leopards, everything is "just so" until a great adventure transforms them all. Three of Rudyard Kipling's famous tales including *How the Elephant Got His Trunk* and *How the Leopard Got His Spots*, come to life to take you on a fun filled ride of fantasy, humor and song as you discover the answers. This witty and clever musical about courage, individuality and friendship is sure to delight the mind and expand the imagination in kids and adults alike!

We will be having lunch either at a local park, or at the Arvada center dependent upon weather conditions. Your child will need a **sack lunch** with a **drink** for this field trip. **No lunch boxes please!** There is an **\$8.00 filed trip fee** that **MUST** be turned in by **Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** as we must pre-pay for this field trip. We will depart here promptly at **9:00 a.m.** – please have your child here no later than **8:45 a.m.** If you have any questions, please let me know!

### The Denver Preschool Program

Our preschool is enrolled with the Denver Preschool Program and many of our children will be eligible for the DPP this next school year beginning in September. The DPP provides free tuition credits to ALL Denver families whose children are 4 years of age by October 1st (last year of preschool before Kindergarten). I have sent home DPP applications for those who will be eligible this next school year, please speak with me if you need another application, did not receive one, or have questions about the Denver Preschool Program. The Denver Preschool Program (DPP) is the result of a voter approved initiative to provide tuition credits for parents, and quality improvement grants to preschools. DPP is open and voluntary for all Denver children the year before they are eligible for kindergarten.



## Qualistar Rating

Part of our participation with the Denver Preschool Program is obtaining a Qualistar Rating for our preschool. In the next few months we will be preparing for this rating – (we should receive our rating in August) and you may see a few changes around the facility. The changes being made are an effort to improve upon our program's quality in the areas of health, safety, and development. Our program has been assigned a 'coach' to help us in our preparation, and you may see her over the course of the next couple of months. She is well trained in the Qualistar Rating process and will be here observing and helping us to better understand the rating tool that is used (FCCERS - Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale).

I am including a brief informational handout on the Qualistar Rating with this newsletter. Additional information can be found on their website at [www.qualistar.org](http://www.qualistar.org).

We will be making a few changes to our policies (posted in this newsletter) to reflect the Qualistar standards. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with me.

## POLICY CHANGE – Hand Washing and Restroom Upon Arrival

In an effort to improve healthy habits ALL children will be required to wash hands upon arrival each day. Children should remove their shoes and coat, and then wash their hands in the bathroom. Please help us by directing/reminding your child to wash his/her hands when they arrive.

Additionally, children who are Potty Training or newly Potty Trained will need to attempt to use the toilet upon arrival. We've had many potty accidents over the last few months, and this can be a disruption to our activities, not to mention a health and sanitation issue. As we are very busy with our morning activities (circle time, small group work, centers, and outdoor play) some of the children are having a difficult time responding to the urge to use the restroom early in the morning. By using the restroom upon arrival, we are hoping this will decrease the amount of accidents we have each week. If your child is recently potty trained or potty training, please have your child attempt to use the restroom upon arrival. Your cooperation is **MUCH** appreciated!

## End of Year Preschool Celebration

I can't believe our school year has almost come to an end. Our End of Year Preschool Celebration is fast approaching! I am planning on having the celebration at the end of May. I will be sending out more information soon so please keep an eye out for it! If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know.

## Scholastic Book Club Orders

**THANK YOU for your March book orders! And, Thank You for supporting reading in our program. ☺**

I have included the April Scholastic Book Club catalogs along with the newsletter. You may also view and purchase from the catalogs online as well. Remember, your purchases help us earn **FREE** books for our classroom! You may also access the Scholastic Book Clubs Online Ordering from the protected Family Resource Area of the website.

[www.scholastic.com/parentordering](http://www.scholastic.com/parentordering)

**Class User Name: xxxxxx**

**Password: xxxxxx**

**All orders are due by *Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>*.**

**Thank you for your support!**

**Have a great month! - Babette**

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## APRIL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Library Depart @ 10:15 a.m.	3	4
5	6 Music Class @ 11:00 a.m. \$8.00 FIELD TRIP FEE DUE	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Book Club Orders Due	16 Library Depart @ 10:15 a.m.	17	18
19	20 \$2.00 Gym fee due Music Class @ 11:00 a.m.	21	22	23	24 OPEN GYM @ C.G.I Depart @ 9:40 a.m.	25
26	27	28	29	30 FIELD TRIP - Depart @ 9:00 a.m. SACK LUNCH		

